



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

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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

The Feast of The EPIPHANY Of The LORD 5TH JANUARY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Iris Mary Bonello

Anniversaries: Maria and Taddeo Bolzonello

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, and Teresa Calma

PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. 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.

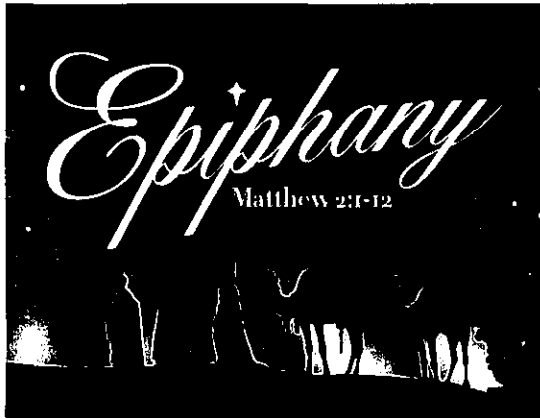
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts 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.

4. 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.

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...)*



REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—YEAR C

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to reflect on the manifestation of Christ to all nations, as symbolized by the visit of the Magi. The readings for this feast highlight themes of light, inclusivity, and divine revelation, offering us profound lessons.

Isaiah 60:1-6, speaks of a great light that arises, illuminating a world shrouded in darkness. This light represents the glory of God, drawing nations and kings toward it. The imagery of light reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World, dispelling the

darkness of sin and guiding humanity toward truth and salvation. We are called to reflect this light in our own lives, drawing others to the love and mercy of God.

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, St. Paul emphasizes the mystery revealed through Christ: that salvation is for all people, not just a chosen few. The Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, sharing equally in the promises of Christ. This inclusivity challenges us to embrace all people with love and unity, transcending barriers of race, culture, or background. The Church is universal, and we are called to be witnesses to this universality in our relationships and communities.

Matthew 2:1-12, the journey of the Magi reflects the human quest for meaning and truth. They are guided by a star and persist despite obstacles, eventually encountering Christ and offering their gifts. Their response to Christ teaches us about true worship - recognizing Jesus as King, God, and Saviour. The contrast between the Magi's openness to God's revelation and Herod's fear and resistance reminds us to remain open to God's will, setting aside self-interest.

What Can We Learn on today's feast?

1. **Follow the Light:** Like the Magi, we must seek Christ, allowing God's light to guide us in life's journey.
2. **Embrace Universality:** Salvation is a gift for all. We are called to build bridges, fostering unity and inclusivity in our world.
3. **Offer Our Gifts:** The Magi offered their best to Christ. We, too, are invited to offer our talents, time, and treasures in service to God and others.
4. **Respond with Faith:** The Magi acted in faith, while Herod reacted in fear. Let us choose faith over fear in responding to God's call.

On this Epiphany, may we open our hearts to God's light, live as beacons of hope and love, and continually seek and adore Christ, the Saviour of all. Amen!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS: Minister Roasters for January -
No formal rosters for the holiday season. Please see Fr. Joe Dong
or Sacristans prior to Mass to Volunteer. Thank you!

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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners and Contributors,

As we prepare for the next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes starting in February, I would kindly ask you to consider the following:

1. **Current Contributors:** If you would like to make any changes to your contributions, please let us know.
2. **New Contributors:** If you are interested in joining the Thanksgiving Program, please contact us. We can provide instructions on how to contribute via Thanksgiving Envelopes, credit card, or online payments.

Additional Options: You can also make donations using the **QUEST machine** located on the left-hand side as you enter the main church door.

Should you require any assistance or further information, please feel free to contact our Parish Office at:

☎ **9467 2797** or **Bundoora@cam.org.au**

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and truly help our parish thrive.

With gratitude,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Thank you for all your service throughout 2024. The new roster will be prepared during January and will be emailed to you, or available for collection in the church, from Saturday January 18th. This roster will be effective from 1/2/2025 until 29/6/2025. As usual volunteers are not rostered for January. Could you please see Father Joe, or the sacristan, before mass if you wish to volunteer as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister at January masses?

Volunteers will need to let me know before Christmas if their availability has changed or if they wish to be removed from the roster. New volunteers are always welcome, especially for 8:00am mass on Sunday which only has a small list. Please contact me, or the Parish Office, if you are considering volunteering and I can talk to you about the roles and training (if required). As mandated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check or have an application pending, to be included on the roster. Please email me by December 24th or contact Dianne at the Parish Office.

Carmel FitzGerald (Roster Co-ordinator)

carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com

WORDS OF APPRECIATION



Dearest parishioners,

As I sit to reflect on the Feast of the Epiphany, I am reminded of the many ways God's light shines through each of you. This feast celebrates the revelation of Christ to all nations, and in your generosity and kindness, I see a reflection of that divine light.

I want to take a moment to say **"THANK YOU"** for the thoughtful birthday gift cards and Christmas gifts you shared with me. These tokens of your love and care remind me of how blessed I am to be part of this parish family. However, the most beautiful gifts I received were your greetings, prayers, and good wishes and so forth. They warmed my heart and reminded me of the deep bond we share in Christ.

Also, on this Epiphany, as we reflect on the Magi bringing their gifts to the Christ Child, I am inspired by the gifts of love, faith, and community that you continuously bring to our parish. Just as the Magi followed the star to find Christ, may we all continue to follow the light of Christ in our lives, sharing His love with one another and the world.

I love and appreciate each of you more than words can express. May God bless you abundantly, now, and always.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

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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