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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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12th JULY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

NEXT WEEK

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 15th July: St Bonaventure

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in
your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

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Recent Deaths: Giuseppe Pannuzzo, Zeliko (Joe) Pavletic

Anniversaries: Antonio & Isabella Ferrante. Nella & Amelia Giaccotto, John Crowe, Leila Taouk, Giuse Kiem

Denise Vollenhoven, Maria Ngo Quynh Giao, Giuse Ngo Dinh Nhac, Spencer Jordan Rector, Maria Muot,

Giuse Cuong, Maria Hop, Matta Tam, Giuse Hoang, Giuse Hung, Giuse Hiu, Mariano Paje Jr, Giuse Diu

Sick : Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin

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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*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Parable of the Sower

My dear brothers and sisters,

**15th Sunday
of
Ordinary**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the beautiful Parable of the Sower. A farmer goes out to sow seed. Some seed falls on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on rich soil. The seed is the same in every place. The difference is not the seed - it is the soil.

Jesus tells us that the seed is the Word of God, and the soil is our heart. So today, He invites each of us to ask: **What kind of soil is my heart today?**

Sometimes our hearts are like the path. They become hard because we are busy, tired, disappointed, or distracted. We hear God's word at Mass or in our daily prayer, but it does not stay with us. Before long, it is forgotten. Sometimes our hearts are like rocky ground. We welcome God's word with enthusiasm, but when difficulties come, our faith begins to fade. We pray when life is going well, but when we face suffering, illness, or disappointment, we may lose hope because our faith has not yet grown deep roots.

At other times, our hearts are like the thorny ground. The worries of daily life, concern about money, work, family, or the future slowly fill our minds. These concerns are real, but when they become our greatest priority, they leave little room for God. Like thorns, they can choke the life of faith within us.

Finally, there is the rich soil. This is the heart that is open to God. It listens to His word, reflects on it, and tries to live it each day. It is not the heart of a perfect person, but of someone who trusts God and is willing to keep growing.

The wonderful message of this Gospel is that our hearts are not fixed. A heart that is hard today can become rich soil tomorrow. God never stops sowing His word. He never gives up on us. Every day, He gives us another opportunity to listen, to change, and to begin again.

How can we become rich soil? Spend a few quiet minutes with God each day. Read a short passage from the Gospel. Pray with an open heart. Receive the Eucharist with faith. And most importantly, let God's word be seen in your actions—through patience, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, and love.

As we celebrate this Eucharist today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to soften our hearts, remove the thorns that keep us from God, deepen the roots of our faith, and help us bear the fruits of love, peace, and joy for everyone we meet. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 18th & 19th July 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	A. Favrin A. Dass	D. Mash J. Mercado A. Karrupiah
8.00am	Sr. Nelia L. Starvaggi	W. Fernando S. Aldridge A. Brammer
10.00am	E. Jones C. Manabat	J. Venturini R. Sacco P. Gill

COUNTERS

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Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

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.

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.



St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend, our parish will hold a collection at all Masses in support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your generosity helps the Society continue its vital work assisting those in need in our community and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

Godfrey Spiteri

Thank you from the Pastorelle Sisters

The Pastorelle Sisters wish to sincerely thank our parish priest, Fr Joe Dong, for his kindness, prayerful support and generous hospitality on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of our foundation in Australia. Our gratitude also to the parishioners, from St Damian's and St Francis of Assisi, who helped in the celebration of the event, especially the choir and musicians. Thank you to those who graced us with their presence. So many friends gathered around us. It was a joyful expression of thanksgiving for God's presence in the 70 years of the life of the Congregation in Australia, the Sisters who have lived and worked here, and the countless people we have journeyed with in our pastoral ministries.

The mini concert that preceded the Eucharistic celebration was very uplifting and it touched the hearts of all present. The welcome of the new members as Pauline Co operators made the 70th anniversary even more special.

Dear Fr Dong, dear friends, thank you!

Grazie! Salamat!

Formation Day for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Dear Volunteers,

I warmly invite all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to our annual Formation Day on **Saturday, 1 August**.

As it is the First Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at **9:15 am**, followed by formation sessions, a time for questions and answers, and a cuppa in the Dunlop Room. Attendance at Mass is encouraged but not compulsory.

This annual gathering is an important opportunity to renew our ministry, deepen our understanding, and grow together in faith and service. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your generous service.
God bless.



ST DAMIAN'S BUNDOORA

60TH ANNIVERSARY

DINNER DANCE

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

5.00PM MASS AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH, &

CELEBRATING AT FERRARO RECEPTIONS

14 ONSLOW AVENUE CAMPBELLFIELD

TIME: 6.30PM TO 11.30PM

MENU: FOUR—COURSE MEAL

UNLIMITED DRINKS: BEER, WINE & SOFT DRINKS

ENTERTAINMENT: BAND & DJ & RAFFLE

TICKET PRICES: ADULT: \$70.00

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Dear Parish Family and Visitors,

With hearts filled with gratitude to God, I warmly invite you, your family, and your friends to join us as we celebrate the **60th Anniversary of St Damian's Parish.**

This special milestone is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for sixty years of faith, love, service, and community. Together, we will remember the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish, honour those who have gone before us, celebrate the present with joy, and look to the future with hope and confidence in God's loving providence.

Our celebration will begin with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 pm at St Damian's Parish, followed by our 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance at: Ferraro Receptions: 14 Onslow Avenue, Campbellfield, 6:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Please refer to the accompanying flyer for further details.

Our parish is much more than a building—it is a family united in Christ. Whether you have been part of our parish for many years or are visiting us for the first time, your presence will make this celebration even more meaningful. I sincerely hope you can join us for this joyful occasion as we celebrate God's blessings together.

As your Parish Priest, I also invite you to support this anniversary celebration in whatever way you are able. We would be deeply grateful for donations of **good-quality raffle prizes** or **financial contributions** to assist with purchasing raffle prizes and meeting the costs of the celebration. Donations may be left in the church foyer or delivered to the parish office.

We warmly encourage everyone to help make this anniversary a memorable and successful celebration by inviting family and friends, purchasing tickets, and assisting with ticket sales wherever possible. Many hands make light work, and every contribution, big or small, is sincerely appreciated.

When booking your tickets, we kindly ask that you complete all the required details on the registration form. The form may be completed at the church, taken home and returned later to the parish office, or handed directly to Fr Joe Dong with payments. Once your completed form has been received, your tickets will be issued accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity, your continued support, and for being such an important part of our St Damian's Parish family. Your prayers, kindness, and willingness to serve are what make our parish a welcoming and faith-filled community.

Let us come together in prayer, thanksgiving, joy, and fellowship as we celebrate this wonderful milestone in the life of St Damian's Parish. May this anniversary renew our faith, strengthen our unity, and inspire us to continue sharing Christ's love with one another for many years to come.

I look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you and your loved ones.

May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

With every blessing,

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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