



# St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

Saturdays 5.00pm and First Friday 10.00am

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 6.30pm 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

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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

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 13th September 2026

### THIS WEEKEND

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

### NEXT WEEK

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 14th Sept:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tues 15th Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed 16th Sept: Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr  
And Cyprian, Bishop, martyr

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia.**

### PSALM

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

**The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

**Recent Deaths:** Sr Teresa Lanigan sgs

**Anniversaries:** Innes Filippi, Aileen Zappa, Marilyn Filippini, Elisabetta Napoleone, Emanuela Vigilante, Irma Gizzi

**Sick:** Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gloria Franco

## 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*

### Reflection for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a girl lying on bed weakly in the hospital with several scratches all over her body. A week before, she had been in a car accident with her parents. Their car was hit by a drunk driver. The accident killed her father and mother. One day, a priest came to visit her to offer support. During the visit, the priest invited her to pray.

As they recited the Lord's Prayer, the girl began to cry and was unable to finish the prayer. She recited the first part well, but when she got to the sentence, 'Forgive us our trespasses, **as we forgive those who trespass against us,**' she could not finish. This sentence was too heavy for her. Forgiving those who had wronged her, forgiving a drunkard who had caused the death of her parents and her current suffering seemed impossible.

It is very human when we find it difficult to forgive those who hurt us, especially if they hurt us very badly.

It is very hard to do but not impossible. Our Lord Jesus Christ has shown us how He prayed and forgave those who tortured and put him to death: **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34)."** Another example is what Pope John Paul II did when he forgave the shooter, Mahmet Ali Agca, who tried to kill him. Jesus in today's Gospel invites us to do the same thing: forgive others without limits.

I personally sometimes find it difficult to forgive, especially if the same person makes the same mistake over and over again. Maybe you have experienced the same thing. The first mistake may still be easy to forgive and we still give a second chance. However, if the mistake is repeated two, three or more times, it will be very difficult for us to forgive. There is no more chance for them to correct their mistake. However, Jesus taught us to always forgive others. Answering Peter's question, "How often must I forgive my brother?" Jesus said, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." It is not about the number, but Jesus wants us to have a broad heart to forgive others without limits. Forgiving does not mean we justify their mistakes. Forgiving means we reject the evil deeds they have done, but we embrace them as our sisters and brothers. We hate the evil deeds, not the person.

Let us start with our respective families. I firmly believe that forgiveness is the foundation of a family or a long-lasting relationship. The relationship between husband and wife, parents and children in a family remains strong not because of luck but because of each person's willingness to forgive and accept each other. Forgiveness makes a family survive from every argument and debate. Forgiveness enables a family to survive from every misunderstanding and desire to abandon each other. Forgiveness is how you see someone who has hurt and disappointed you but still chooses and stands with him/her as your husband or wife, as your father/mother, as your child, and as your brother/sister. May God enlarge our hearts to always forgive one another. Amen.

**Deacon Siven**

### ROSTER 19 & 20th September 2026

| Time    | READERS                          | EUCCHARIST                                    |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 5.30pm  | N. Mathews<br>M. Joyce           | L. Gooneratne<br>S. Gooneratne<br>C. Ho       |
| 8.00am  | V. Dalla- Vecchia<br>O. Carvalho | A. Dalla- Vecchia<br>C. Love<br>C. Fitzgerald |
| 10.00am | J. Sobey<br>K. Mangubat          | W. Mc Eleney<br>R. Sacco<br>J. Venturini      |

### COUNTERS

G. Mee  
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### SUPERVISOR

M. Sweetman



**Ministries**

### 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.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**DIVINE MERCY**  
AFTER MORNING MASS.



**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**NOVENA OF SACRED HEART**  
AFTER MORNING MASS.



**1ST SATURDAY**  
• PRAYERS AT 8:15AM  
• MASS 9:15AM



**SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS**  
EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY:  
• ROSARY 6:30PM  
• FOLLOWED BY MASS.  
**ENQUIRIES: WINIFRED 0425880611**



**EVERY TUESDAY AT 7PM**  
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IN DUNLOP ROOM



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**ENQUIRIES: LAWRIE 0412839122**

*Many hands make light work. Thank you!*

### 27th September :

Farwell for Principal Rosanna Piccolo at 10.00am and followed by morning tea in the Dunlop Room.

### RCIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY just a genuine desire to share the joy of your faith with others who are seeking to become Catholic. The RCIA team is in urgent need of volunteers to join this invaluable ministry. Please contact Fr Dong, the parish office (94672797) or Ellen .

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### PRESENTATION OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



At this weekend Masses at 5.30pm and 10.00am we welcome the school Children and their Families for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION



On Saturday at 2.00pm we congratulate our School Children who will be receiving their Holy Eucharist at 2.00pm .



Confirmation

We congratulate our Parish Children who will be receiving their confirmation this weekend at 5.30pm.

Please keep our Children in your prayers.

### 60th Anniversary of St Damian's Parish – Dinner Dance

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations of St Damian's Parish, we will be holding a Dinner Dance on Saturday, 26 September.

Tickets are still available! If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Joe Dong after any of the weekend Masses to purchase your tickets.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special evening of celebration, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we mark 60 years of our parish community.

Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

### Menu for the Evening

**Platter for Table:** Antipasto Platter

**Entrée:** Salt & Pepper Calamari or Lasagna

**Main:** Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu

**Dessert:** Panna Cotta or French Crepes

Tea and Coffee will be served with dessert.

A set menu of alternating Entrée, Main & Dessert

Soft drink, Wine & Beer served for the whole evening.

## 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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