



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 16th AUGUST 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

NEXT WEEK

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 21st August: : St Pius X

Sat 22nd August:

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Recent Deaths: Gianni Ferronato, Lois Elma Mc Cormick

Anniversaries: Mary Henwood, Raymond & Leon Spiller, Lorraine Italiano, Maryse Abraham,

Lise Assarapin, Sebastiano & Francesco Giaccotto, Zeljko Pavletic

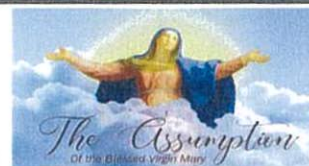
Sick : Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gavan Macmanus, Gloria Franco

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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 well-being 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*

Short reflection - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Friends in Christ Jesus, have you ever prayed for something very important and felt that God was not answering? Perhaps you prayed for a sick family member, for your children, for peace at home, or for someone you love who is struggling. You prayed and prayed, but nothing seemed to change.

Today's Gospel introduces us to a woman who knows exactly what that feels like. The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus because her daughter is suffering. She has only one hope, and that hope is Jesus. She cries out: "Lord, have mercy on me!"

At first, Jesus seems silent. Yet she does not walk away. She keeps asking, keeps trusting, and keeps believing. Finally, Jesus says: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we see the same spirit of faith in Mary.

First, faith brings us to Jesus: The Canaanite woman was an outsider, but she was not afraid to come to Jesus. Mary also lived her whole life close to Jesus. From the Annunciation to the Cross, she trusted God and kept saying yes. Her words, "Let it be done to me according to your word," became the foundation of her life. Mary teaches us: when life is difficult, do not run away from God. Come closer to Jesus.

Second, faith keeps trusting when we do not understand: The Canaanite woman did not understand why Jesus seemed silent, but she continued to trust. Mary also experienced many moments she could not understand. She did not know everything that would happen to her Son. Yet she "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."

Sometimes we ask, "Why is God allowing this?" We may not receive an immediate answer. But Mary teaches us to remain faithful even when we cannot see the whole picture.

Third, faith leads us to hope: The Assumption reminds us that Mary's faith was not in vain. God raised her, body and soul, into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is a sign of the destiny God promises to all who remain faithful to Him.

The Canaanite woman received healing for her daughter. Mary received the fullness of life with God. Both remind us that God never abandons those who trust in Him.

Brothers and sisters, today let us bring our families, our worries, our sicknesses, and our unanswered prayers to Jesus. Like the Canaanite woman, let us say, "Lord, have mercy on me." Like Mary, let us say, "Let it be done according to your word." And may Mary, assumed into heaven, pray for us and lead us closer to her Son, so that one day we too may share in the glory God has prepared for those who trust in Him.

Come to Jesus. Keep praying. Keep trusting. Never lose hope. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 22nd and 23rd August

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	J. Borg N. Matthews	E. Taylor C. Ho T. Garcia
8.00am	J. North C. Love	C. Fitzgerald J. Fellowes M. Harrison
10.00am	J. Mercado J. Sobey	W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco J. Tonkin

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in the Church
about 5 minutes
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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.



2026 ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop Campaign supports the vital Mission of the Church by providing care for retired priests, the formation of seminarians for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the work of Melbourne's overseas missions, and a wide range of charitable initiatives that assist those most in need in our community.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Campaign Team :archbishopfund@cam.org.au
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ST DAMIAN'S BUNDOORA

60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

7.00PM MASS AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH,
&
CELEBRATING AT FERRARO RECEPTION

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

CHILD: 5-12 YEARS: \$40.00

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BAPTISM: This weekend, our community warmly welcomes the children and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Farwell Celebration for Rosanna Piccolo

Sunday 27th September 2026 : 10.00am Mass and followed by Morning Tea in the Hall..

Let's Make This Celebration Happen Together

Dear St Damian's Parishioners,

As your Parish Priest, I warmly invite and encourage you to join us in celebrating the **60th Anniversary of St Damian's Parish**. This is a once-in-a-lifetime milestone in the life of our parish - a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God, celebrate our history, and strengthen our parish family.

The ticket price is **exceptional value, including a delicious four-course meal and unlimited beer, wine, and soft drinks**. More importantly, your presence will help make this a joyful and memorable celebration for our whole community. I also ask for **your support by donating new or good-quality items for our raffle prizes**. If you have gifts or items in excellent condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them. Your generosity will help make the evening even more enjoyable while supporting our parish.

Together, we can make this anniversary celebration a truly special event. Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and commitment to our parish. I look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with you. God bless,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

Ladies' Lunch.



Details for our next lunch are:
Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on
Tuesday, 18th August. All ladies of
St Damian's are most welcome to join
us for a nice meal and a friendly chat.

Contact Sarita for any further information or to book in. 9467 2532 or 0434 581 948.

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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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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