



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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19TH APRIL 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 2:14,22-33

1 Pet 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK

Acts: 2:14,36-41

1 Pet 2:20-25

Jn 10:1-10

PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself
who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night
directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at
my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall
rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your
beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your
presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

Recent Deaths: Mary Grech, Maria Naccari

Anniversaries: Menotti Camilli, Henry Wlodarczyk & Family, Jan, Miecia, Zyguich

Sick : Diana Whyllie, John Long, Susie, Moding Ilanto

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REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A



A manager once felt he was not respected by his staff. So, he placed a sign on his office door that read: "I'm the Boss." Later that day, he returned from lunch and found a note beside it: "Sir, your wife called. She wants her sign back by this evening!"

Friends, the desire for respect is deeply human. Every person wants to be valued. But respect is not just demanded, it is earned and expressed through words, actions, and attitudes that recognise another person's worth.

Today's readings lift our understanding higher. They call us not only to respect one another, but to live in reverence before God.

What is reverence? It is more than respect. It is awe in the presence of God. It is recognising His holiness, His greatness, and His nearness. It is a life lived consciously before Him.

In the second reading, St Peter urges Christians to live with reverence. He gives three strong reasons.

First, we are "sojourners" on earth. Life is brief. Whether we live 40, 70, or even 100 years, it is still only a journey. We are passing through. Our true home is with God. Therefore, every moment of life should be lived with eternal purpose.

Second, God is a just Judge. He judges impartially according to each person's deeds. Yes, we are saved by faith, but genuine faith is never empty. As St James says, "faith without works is dead" (Jas 2:26). Our actions reveal the truth of our faith. That is why Peter calls us to live with integrity - controlling our speech, practising love, patience, and justice.

Third, we are redeemed at a great price, the precious blood of Christ. We were not saved by gold or silver, but by the sacrifice of Jesus. When we remember this, reverence becomes the only fitting response.

Friends, do we still live with reverence today? Or have we become too casual with God - treating prayer lightly, worship casually, and His name carelessly? We live in a world that often glorifies the self more than God. But Christians are called to something higher.

Reverence brings blessing. "Those who honour Me, I will honour," says the Lord. When we honour God in worship, in daily choices, and in love for others, we open our lives to His grace.

Today, let us ask for a renewed spirit of reverence, so that in all things, God may be honoured, and our lives may truly reflect who we are: children of God on a journey home. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 25th & 26th April 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	J. Favrin A. Dass	A. Karuppiah C. Ho W. Fernando
8.00am	O. Carvalho Sr. Nelia	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge M. Beverley
10.00am	Sr. S. Barker P. Gill	C. Manabat J. Tonkin N. Cardamone

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BAPTISM:



This weekend, our community warmly welcomes Roman Sita, Siena Tanti, Theodore Christophidis and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2026

19 April (Third Sunday of Easter): Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

26 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter): Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Farewell and Ordination Announcement – Deacon Anthony Huy



Friends, I would like to inform you that Deacon Anthony Huy will conclude his time at our parish on Sunday 3 May as he prepares for his priestly ordination.

His Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Holy Eucharist Parish (1A Oleander Dr, St Albans VIC 3021) at 10:00am on Saturday 23 May. Those wishing to attend are kindly asked to arrange your own transport. However, if you have a car with available seats, please let us know so we can assist others.

If you would like to offer a gift, please contact the parish office or Fr Joe Dong. All gifts will be collected and presented to him together.

Father Anthony Huy will then return to St Damian's with Fr Joseph Vuong for a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 30 May at 5:30pm, followed by dinner. Further details will be provided in the parish bulletin. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE & MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Please take note of the following important dates:

- **Sunday 10 May** – Mother's Day Celebration
- **Saturday 26 September** – 60th Anniversary Dinner for St Damian's Parish at Ferraro (*further details to follow*)

Beginning this weekend, raffle tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses to support our Mother's Day celebration.

The raffle draw will take place on **Mother's Day, after the 10:00am Mass**, in the Dunlop Room.

Prizes:

- **1st Prize:** \$180 – 2 adult tickets & 1 child ticket (\$40) for the 60th Anniversary Dinner
- **2nd Prize:** \$110 – 1 adult ticket & 1 child ticket (\$40) for the 60th Anniversary Dinner
- **3rd Prize:** \$70 – 1 adult ticket for the 60th Anniversary Dinner

The 60th Anniversary Dinner includes a **4-course meal** and **5 hours of unlimited alcohol and soft drinks**.
Please note: the ticket price is **\$70 per person**.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

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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