



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

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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19th JULY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

NEXT WEEK

1Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday : Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 22nd July : St Mary Madalene

Sat 25th July : St James

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Zeliko (Joe) Pavletic

Anniversaries: Maria Paniza, Hanh Pham, Tuan Pham, Giuse Khoa, Catherine Hong, Maria Hanh, Joseph Dong, Spencer Jordan Rector, Tien Pham, Maria Trinh, Giuse Tuoc, Giuse Tuan, Giuse Trac, Maria Gioi, Ann Thay, Mario Camilli, Vlado Zakanj

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

CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY: In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health, collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of St. Damian's Bundoora is committed to upholding the Privacy principles set out in the legislation.

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*

GOSPEL'S REFLECTION ON THE 16TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat. At first, it seems strange. When the servants discover the weeds growing among the wheat, they want to pull them out immediately. But the master says, "No. Let both grow together until the harvest."

Why? Because in pulling out the weeds too quickly, they might also destroy the good wheat.

Jesus is teaching us about the patience of God. God never gives up on people. He sees beyond our weaknesses and always gives us time to grow, to repent, and to become the people He created us to be.

Our God always sows good seed, while the devil sows division, jealousy, anger, and discouragement. We see this every day. A family that once lived in peace can slowly be divided by harsh words, unforgiveness, or gossip. A marriage becomes strained because no one is willing to take the first step towards reconciliation. Even in our parish or community, criticism and resentment can quietly damage relationships.

These are the weeds that threaten to choke love.

Our first reaction is often to judge. We notice other people's faults before we see their goodness. We give up on people too easily. But Jesus asks us to look with God's eyes. He sees not only who we are today but who we can become through His grace.

This is especially important in family life. No family is perfect. Every family experiences misunderstandings, disappointments, and mistakes. Strong families are not those without problems, but those who keep choosing forgiveness, patience, and love. Parents do not stop loving a child because of poor choices. Husbands and wives continue to forgive and begin again. Brothers and sisters learn to heal old wounds. This is how God's patience becomes visible in everyday life.

The same is true for our parish community of St Damian's. Instead of focusing only on faults, let us notice the good that God is quietly growing: families who pray together, young people searching for faith, volunteers serving generously, and neighbours caring for one another. These are the good seeds of God's Kingdom.

Today, Jesus asks each of us a simple question: **What seeds am I sowing?** Are my words building peace or creating division? Am I helping my family and community grow in love, or am I adding to the weeds?

May the Blessed Virgin Mary teach us to be patient, merciful, and hopeful, so that our homes and our parish may become fields where God's good seed bears an abundant harvest. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 25th & 26th July 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	A. Groom J. Venturini	P. Cosgrove M. Spiteri E. Taylor
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	C. Love M. Harrison M. Sweetman
10.00am	J. Sobey J. Mercado	N. Cardamone J. Tonkin P. Del Popolo

COUNTERS

G. Love
A. Schuck

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Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

Please gather together
in the Church
about 5 minutes
before Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please remember
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Parishioners & visitors
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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.



BAPTISM: This weekend, our community warmly welcomes Alina Mishia, Akin Topnarong and t their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday 1st August:: Formation Day for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers after First Saturday 9.15 am Mass.

ST DAMIAN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

Dear Parish Families and Visitors,

This weekend, we will start selling tickets for our 60th Anniversary Dinner at Ferraro Receptions. We warmly invite everyone to attend and to invite your family and friends and anyone who may have been involved with our Parish over the last 60 years.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please obtain a form from the Church Foyer, If we can kindly ask that you complete both sides of the form for each person attending.

These forms can be taken home and filled in and returned with payments by either returning to Church the following weekend at Mass or to the Parish Office or by handing directly to Fr Dong. Once we have your forms your tickets will be issued accordingly.

Please if wanting to book a large group please submit all forms and payments together. Try booking will be open at 5.30pm on the 18th July and close on the 30th August at 11.30pm.

On the night of the 60th Anniversary we will hold a raffle. We are currently looking 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.

Thank you for your generosity, your continued support, and for being such an important part of our St Damian's Family.

Help Transform Our Piety Shop into a Welcoming Hospitality Space

Together, we can create a warm and welcoming place where our parish community can gather in friendship and faith. While donations have been slow over the past few weeks, every gift brings us closer to making this vision a reality.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 to donate. Donations of **\$5,000 or more** will be recognized with a commemorative plaque. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



ST DAMIAN'S BUNDOORA

60TH ANNIVERSARY

DINNER DANCE

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

5.00PM 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

CHILD: UNDER 5 : FREE

TICKET SALES

VIA TRY BOOKING & AFTER WEEKEND MASSES



<https://www.trybooking.com/DNCVL>

CONTACT: 9467-2797—bundoora@cam.org.au

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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