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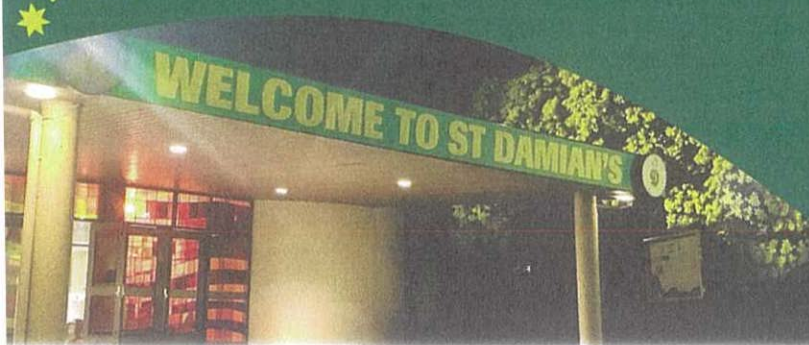
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WEEKENDS

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

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 26TH APRIL 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Acts: 2:14,36-41

1 Pet 2:20-25

Jn 10:1-10

NEXT WEEK

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pet 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 28th April: St Peter Chanel

Wed 29th April: St Catherine of Siena

Sat 2nd May: St Athanasius

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Recent Deaths: Veronica Emili, Philomena Bowlen

Anniversaries: Val Flynn (9th Anniversary) Severino Casagranda

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

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*

Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A) Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday

Today the Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday, and we also pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In today's Gospel (John 10:1–10), Jesus says: **"I am the gate... I am the Good Shepherd."**

This simple image carries a powerful message: **God knows us personally and loves us deeply.** He knows our strengths and weaknesses, our struggles and fears and yet He never turns away. Instead, He guides, protects, and cares for us.

That is why we can say with confidence: **"The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."** **First, Jesus is the Gate:** A gate is the only way in and out. Without it, the sheep are lost and vulnerable. In the same way, Jesus is the true way to God. When we stay close to Him, we find direction and peace. When we ignore Him, we become confused and restless.

There are many "voices" in the world today - success, pleasure, materialism but they do not satisfy. As Jesus warns, **"The thief comes only to steal and destroy."** These "thieves" can take many forms: selfish ambition, unhealthy relationships, or the constant noise that pulls us away from God. They promise happiness, but leave emptiness behind. Only Christ gives true and lasting life: **"I came that they may have life, and have it to the full."**

Second, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares: He walks with us, searches for us when we stray, and never gives up on us. He does not love us from a distance; He is close to us in our daily lives. Every time we pray, return to confession, forgive someone, or choose what is right, we are coming back to Him. Even when we fall, He lifts us up and leads us forward again.

Finally, we pray for shepherds: Jesus continues His work through priests, religious, and all who serve others. The Church needs good shepherds today—men and women who are willing to listen to God's call and give their lives in love and service. But vocations do not appear by chance; they grow in families, in communities, and through prayer.

So, we ask ourselves: *Do I pray for vocations? Do I encourage young people not to be afraid of God's call?*

Dear friends, we are not alone. We are known, loved, and guided. Let us trust the Good Shepherd, listen to His voice each day, and remain faithful in His care. **"The Lord is our Shepherd; there is nothing we shall want."** Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	J. Borg D. Whyley	P. Cosgrave T. Garcia J. Mercado
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	C. Love Sr. Nelia L. Careri
10.00am	J. Capuana P. Bezzina	J. Venturini L. Careri P. Del Popolo

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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
& 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.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE DONG: Dear Friends in Christ, I am writing to let you know that my older brother is in the final stage of cancer. He has not been able to eat anything for the past three weeks and has only been able to take a small amount of milk each day. I have decided to return to Vietnam to be with him for a few days during this very difficult time. Please keep my brother, John Long, in your prayers. Thank you very much for your kindness and support. May God bless you all.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE COLLECTED

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please take your envelopes with your name on it and, if possible, help distribute to nearby friends and neighbours. Thank you

LEGION OF MARY

English: Legion of Mary – A Vietnamese Praesidium will be established at St. Damian's Catholic Church. The Praesidium is scheduled to begin meetings in May 2026. You are warmly invited to register and attend. For more details, please contact us on: 0417 379 489

Tiếng Việt: Đạo Binh Đức Mẹ – một Praesidium (đơn vị) tiếng Việt sẽ được thành lập tại Nhà thờ Công giáo Thánh Damian. Praesidium dự kiến bắt đầu các buổi họp vào tháng 5 năm 2026. Xin trân trọng kính mời quý vị đăng ký tham gia và hiện diện. Mọi chi tiết xin liên hệ: 0417 379 489

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.

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.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS

AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

On the 2nd & 3rd May after each weekend Mass, there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there.

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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