



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

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26th JULY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

1Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

NEXT WEEK

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

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

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 29th July: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Fri 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Sat 1st Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori

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!

PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Menotti Camilli, Luigi Vigilante, Angelo Marin, Dominic Vat, Maria Roan, Maria Hue, Gioan Baotixita Tho, Maria Diec, Maria Diu, Joankim Thuan, Giuse Vinh, Giuse Quang, Giuse Quynh, Maria Thuot, Maria Chu

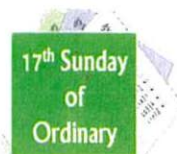
Sick : Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gavan Macmanus

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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 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*

Homily – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price, and a fishing net. Each image reminds us that nothing is more valuable than a life lived with God. The farmer and the merchant were willing to give up everything because they recognised that what they had found was worth far more than what they already possessed.

The Gospel invites us to ask ourselves a simple question: What is the greatest treasure in my life? Is it money, success, comfort, or popularity? Or is it Christ? Jesus tells us that when God comes first, everything else finds its proper place.

Today's readings offer us three simple lessons for daily family life.

First, make God your first priority every day. Families today are busy with work, school, sport, and many responsibilities. These things are important, but they should never replace God. A family that prays together, comes to Mass, and spends a few moments each day with the Lord is building its life on the greatest treasure. When Christ is at the centre of our home, He gives us strength, peace, and hope.

Second, ask God for wisdom rather than simply asking for success. In the First Reading, King Solomon did not ask for wealth or power. He asked for a wise and understanding heart. Every day we make decisions as parents, grandparents, young people, husbands, and wives. We need God's wisdom to choose what is right, to forgive one another, to be patient, and to love even when it is difficult. A wise heart is one of God's greatest gifts.

Third, trust God's justice and keep doing good. The fishing net reminds us that good and evil exist together in our world. Sometimes we wonder why dishonest people seem to succeed while good people struggle. Jesus tells us not to lose heart. God sees everything, and in His own time He will judge with perfect justice. Our task is not to judge others, but to remain faithful, honest, and loving every day.

Friends in Christ, through Baptism we have already chosen Christ as the treasure of our lives. Every day we are invited to renew that choice by the way we pray, speak, forgive, and serve one another.

May we always seek the Kingdom of God first. Then our homes will be filled with God's peace, our hearts with His wisdom, and our lives with the joy that no earthly treasure can ever give. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 1st & 2nd August 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	M. Joyce P. Cosgrove	A. Karuppiah T. Gacia C. Ho
8.00am	V. Dalla– Vecchia O. Carvalho	A. Dalla– Vecchia Sr. Nelia S. Aldridge
10.00am	P. Gill Sr. S. Barker	W. Mc Eleney C. Manabat E. Jones

COUNTERS

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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.



Farewell Celebration for Rosanna Piccolo A Celebration of Gratitude and Appreciation

Dear Parishioners, after many years of dedicated service and faithful leadership as Principal of St Damian's School, Rosanna Piccolo will retire at the end of 2026.

We are grateful for Rosanna's commitment, care, and contribution to our school and parish community.

This farewell celebration is an opportunity for us to come together, express our appreciation, and wish her every blessing as she begins this new chapter of life.

Please join us for this special celebration:
Sunday, 27 September 2026 at 10:00 AM
Mass, followed by a **Farewell Morning Tea in the Hall**.



Your presence will be a meaningful way to thank Rosanna and celebrate her years of service with our community. For the morning tea, please bring a plate to share and write down what you are able to bring on the sign-up sheet in the **Church Foyer**.

Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together. With gratitude and best wishes,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

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.

DATE TO REMEMBER : Saturday 1st August::
Formation Day for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
after First Saturday 9.15 am Mass. After Mass
please join us for a Cuppa in the Dunlop Room.



ST DAMIAN'S BUNDOORA 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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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