



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

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm 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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 27th September 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 29th Sept : Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Wed 30th Sept: Anointing Mass 10.00am and followed by morning tea in the Dunlop Room.

Wed 30th Sept: St Jerome

Thur 1st Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus

Fri 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Phe Ro (Peter), Giuse Nguyen Xuan Duong & Rosa Dau Thi Canh, Lila Perez

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

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A Feast of Thanksgiving



Dear Parishioners, Families and Visitors,

As we celebrate the **60th anniversary of St Damian's Parish**, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness, love and countless blessings. For sixty years, He has guided us and gathered us together as one family of faith.

With grateful hearts, we remember all those who built our parish through their prayers, sacrifices and dedicated service. May God reward them abundantly and grant rest to those who have gone before us.

We also give special thanks to the priests who have faithfully served St Damian's:

- Fr. Alexis Dunlop (1966–1974)
- Fr. Patrick Creed (1975–1981)
- Fr. D. Gerard Briglia (1982–1998)
- Fr. Paul Gurry (1999–2003) — *present with us*
- Fr. Michael Kalka (2004–2009) — *present with us*
- Fr. Vincent Le Van Huong (2010–2021) — *present with us*

Thank you, Fathers, for your prayers, dedication and love. Your ministry has helped strengthen our faith and shape our parish community. May God bless those who are with us and grant eternal rest to those who have passed away.

To every parishioner, past and present, and to all our volunteers, **thank you from the bottom of my heart.** So many of you have worked tirelessly, both publicly and behind the scenes, to prepare this celebration. I cannot name everyone, but God knows every act of love, sacrifice and service you have offered. Every prayer matters. Every act of love matters.

A special thank you to Rosanna, our principal, for twelve years of dedicated service to St Damian's School. Rosanna, thank you for your care, commitment and love for our students, families and school community. As we prepare to welcome Angela Tonkin as our new principal in 2027, we wish her every blessing and success in her new role.

As we look to the future, let us keep the fire of faith burning, love one another, and build a parish where everyone feels welcome and encounters Christ.

Thank you for being part of St Damian's. May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to guide and protect our parish and school for many years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude and my priestly blessing,

Fr. Joseph Dong Tran
St Damian's Parish

ROSTER 3rd & 4th October 2026

Time	READERS	EUCHARIST
5.30pm	J. Mercado J. Borg	D. Mash L. Robinson M. Spiteri
8.00am	C. Love Sr. Nelia	A. Dalla Vecchia V. Dalla Vecchia J. Fellowes
10.00am	K. Mangubat J. Capuana	W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco J. Venturini

COUNTERS

P. Martino
V. Zappa

SUPERVISOR

D. Mash



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.



Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A Feast of St Damian, Our Patron Saint

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings invite us to look beyond our words and examine our actions. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of two sons. One says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other says "yes" but does not go. Jesus reminds us that what matters is not simply what we say, but whether we put God's will into practice.

St Paul encourages us to live in unity, humility and love: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." This is a beautiful message for our parish community as we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St Damian.

St Damian, together with his brother St Cosmas, is remembered for serving the sick with compassion and offering their medical care without seeking payment. Their lives remind us that true Christian service comes from love, not personal gain or recognition.

As we celebrate our patron saint, we are invited to ask ourselves: Do we serve because we love, or only when we receive something in return? Do we care for others because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Our parish is a family. We all have different gifts, backgrounds and responsibilities, but we belong to one community through Jesus Christ. Our unity becomes visible when we forgive one another, support those in need, welcome newcomers and serve generously.

Like the first son in today's Gospel, we may sometimes hesitate or fail, but we can always change our hearts and respond to God's call. What matters is that we say "yes" not only with our lips, but through our lives.

May St Damian inspire us to serve with generous hearts, love without expecting payment, and build a parish united in faith and compassion.

Let us pray that St Damian's Parish will always be a community where people encounter Christ through our kindness, service and love. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

DATES TO REMEMBER



**EVERY THURSDAY
DIVINE MERCY**
AFTER MORNING MASS.



**FIRST FRIDAY
NOVENA OF SACRED HEART**
AFTER MORNING MASS.



1ST SATURDAY
• PRAYERS AT 8:15AM
• MASS 9:15AM



SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY:
• ROSARY 6:30PM
• FOLLOWED BY MASS.
ENQUIRIES: WINIFRED 0425880611



EVERY TUESDAY AT 7PM
LEGION OF MARY MEETING
IN DUNLOP ROOM



**EVERY FORTHNIGHT
CHURCH CLEANING.**
ENQUIRIES: VIOLET (CHUNG) 0420275886



**LAWN MOWING
ONCE TWO MONTHS.**
ENQUIRIES: LAWRIE 0412839122

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

RCIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NO EX-
NECESSARY just a genuine
desire to share the joy of your faith with others who are
seeking to become Catholic. The RCIA team is in
urgent need of volunteers to join this invaluable

PERIENCE

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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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