



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

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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

The Holy Family OF Jesus, Mary and Joseph , 28th December 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Sirach 3:2-6

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15

NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3,5-6

Mt 2:1-12

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Wednesday 31st December:

New Years Eve Mass at 11.00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs: 1st Jan: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

Recent Deaths: George Borg, Antonio Di Parisa, Francesco Carnovale

Anniversaries: John Langelaan, Anna Camilli

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo, Teresa Munoz, E. Cruz, B. Cruz, Lottie Constantino, Estellita Steven

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REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR A

WISHING YOU VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2026



Dear sisters and brothers,

Today, we honour the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast invites us to reflect on the sacredness of family life and the lessons we can draw from our readings.

Hannah's story highlights the role of faith in family life. She prays fervently for a child, and when God answers her prayer, she dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord. Her gratitude and trust in God remind us that our children are gifts from Him. Families thrive when they are centred on faith, prayer, and a recognition of God's blessings.

John reminds us of our identity as God's children: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."

This divine love is the foundation for human love within families. Families are called to embody God's love by showing kindness, forgiveness, and selflessness. As God's children, we are called to reflect His love not only in our homes but also in the broader human family.

The Gospel recounts the story of the boy Jesus in the Temple. While His parents are initially distressed by His absence, the encounter reveals their deep relationship with God. Mary and Joseph's willingness to search for Jesus and their openness to the mystery of His mission reflect the patience and adaptability needed in family life. Families, like the Holy Family, experience challenges and misunderstandings. But through trust in God and mutual understanding, they grow stronger together.

Lessons for Our Lives

1. **Faith at the Centre:** Like Hannah, Mary, and Joseph, we are called to ground our families in prayer and trust in God.
2. **Love in Action:** As God's children, we are invited to make love the centre of our family relationships, reflecting God's unconditional love.
3. **Patience and Growth:** Families grow through challenges. Like Mary and Joseph, we need patience, trust, and openness to God's plan in every stage of life.

On this feast, let us pray for our families, that they may be places of faith, love, and growth. May we, like the Holy Family, trust in God, love one another deeply, and grow together in holiness. Amen.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

Roster

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome
5.30pm		
8.00am		
10.00am		

COUNTERS

TUES 30TH DEC

Supervisor



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.

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NEW YEAR MASS TIME

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER:

11.00 PM :

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY:

10.00 AM :

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS:

Minister Roasters for January -

No formal rosters for the holiday season.

Please see Fr. Joe Dong

or Sacristans prior to Mass to Volunteer.

Thank you!

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's, Domenic Mark Coombes, who is being baptised.



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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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