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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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 30th AUGUST 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

NEXT WEEK

Ezek 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 3rd September: St Gregory the Great

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Recent Deaths: Tom Carter, Valerie Glenn, Giovanna Marchetta, Violet Wagon

Anniversaries: Angelo Taranto, Raffaella & Guglielmo Piraino, Daisy & Stanley Jones, Percy Perera, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

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

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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*

Reflection – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

In life, we all want to gain, but we are often afraid to lose. Yet Jesus teaches us a surprising truth: sometimes we must lose to gain; we must let go to receive.

A farmer must bury the seed before it can produce a harvest. An athlete must sacrifice comfort and time to reach the goal. A parent willingly gives up personal desires for the good of the family.

In the same way, the Christian life involves sacrifice.

Jesus says in today's Gospel: "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me."

To follow Jesus is more than simply believing in Him. It means walking His way — the way of self-giving and love.

Jesus Himself gave everything. He left the glory of heaven and became one of us. He served the poor, welcomed sinners, forgave His enemies and remained faithful to His Father. Finally, He accepted the Cross.

The Cross brought rejection, suffering, humiliation, loneliness and death. Yet the Cross was not the end. Beyond Good Friday came Easter Sunday. Beyond death came Resurrection. Beyond suffering came glory.

This is the heart of the Gospel:

The Cross leads to Resurrection. Sacrifice leads to blessing. Giving leads to receiving. Letting go leads to freedom. Death to self leads to new life.

Jesus tells us: "Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

What does this mean for us?

Sometimes we need to let go of pride and learn humility; let go of anger and learn forgiveness; let go of selfishness and learn generosity; let go of our need to control everything and learn to trust God.

Jesus does not ask us to lose our joy or become less human. He asks us to let go of whatever prevents us from becoming the person God created us to be.

St Francis of Assisi understood this beautifully: "It is in giving that we receive; it is in forgetting ourselves that we find ourselves; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

My dear brothers and sisters, following Jesus is not about losing everything; it is about discovering what truly matters. So let us ask ourselves today: What do I need to let go of so that I can follow Jesus more freely?

Perhaps it is pride, resentment, fear or selfishness. Whatever it is, let us place it in the hands of Jesus. Lord Jesus, teach me to take up my cross and follow You. Help me to let go of whatever keeps me from You. Give me the courage to trust You, the humility to serve, and the faith to believe that every cross carried with You leads to new life. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

ROSTER 5th & 6th September 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	N. Nugent A. Groom	D. Mash L. Robinson M. Spiteri
8.00am	C. Fitzgerald C. Love	S. Aldridge A. Brammer J. Fellowes
10.00am	J. Capuana S. Gooneratne	J. Venturini L. Careri P. Del Popolo

COUNTERS

N & K Nugent
V. Zappa

SUPERVISOR

M. Jones



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.



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



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

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

5th September: Parish Children Confirmation Presentation Mass, 5.30pm.

12th September: Sacrament Eucharist St Damian's 2.00pm. Parish Children Confirmation Mass 5.30pm

RESENTATION OF SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST



At this weekend Masses, we welcome the students from St Damian's Primary School and their Families for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Farwell Celebration for St Damian's Principal Rosanna Piccolo

THANK YOU

Please join us to farwell & celebrate our Principal Rosanna Piccolo on Sunday 27th September 2026 : 10.00am Mass and followed by Morning Tea in the Hall. If you are able to bring a plate for the morning tea, please either add your name on the list in the Church foyer or contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797

Opportunity to be part of a Transformative Program

St Damian's is seeking people to join its Alpha program leadership team as it prepares to hold its first Alpha Program in 2027. This transformative program has enabled the holy spirit to work in parishes across Melbourne Australia and the world to strengthen connections within Parishes and provide more pathways for people to learn about, deepen their knowledge and participate in our Catholic faith. More information on the program can be found at:-

[Run Alpha in a Catholic Context - Alpha Australia](#)

No previous leadership or parish ministry experience is required. If you have an open heart and mind, a desire to grow your faith, serve Christ, support the Parish as well as those searching for meaning in the broader community, this could be for you. The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese will be holding a training session on Saturday 5 September in the Melbourne CBD which some of our team will attend and we will potentially coordinate to travel together.

For any queries or a non-obligatory chat about joining the training session and/or potentially joining the leadership team please contact Kai on 0403 655 350 or via email at streicher.kai@gmail.com.

My Vocation Biography

Hi everyone,

My name is Venansius Geroda Sogen, and people usually call me Siven. I was born on March 31, 1996, in a small village called Lamboleng, East Solor, Indonesia. I am the third of seven children. I have four sisters and two brothers. Although I was born into a very Catholic family, I also have many Muslim relatives.

I never imagined that my decision to enter the San Domingo Hokeng Minor Seminary in 2011 would lead me this far. At that time, I did not have a strong motivation to become a priest. I entered the Minor Seminary because I was attracted to the seminarians' talents in music and sports. During my four years at the seminary, I met some of the Redemptorist brothers who were doing their pastoral year. I heard a lot of stories about the Redemptorist, its spirituality, and how they did their mission. I was attracted to join them. In my last year in this minor seminary, I wrote an application to the leader of the Redemptorist congregation in Indonesia. I was accepted and I did a year as a postulant from 2015 to 2016.

After my postulant period, I did my novitiate in Wanno Gaspar, West Sumba, Indonesia, from June 2016 to June 2017. I then made my first profession of vows on June 20, 2017. From August 2017 to June 2021, I studied philosophy and theology at the Faculty of Theology, Sanata Dharma University. After graduating from this university, I undertook a year of pastoral practice from June 2021 to June 2022. I served at St. Michael Elopada Parish in Southwest Sumba, Indonesia. From October 29, 2022, I have been undergoing my formation at the Kew International Formation House in Australia. I spent the first year (November 2022-November 2023) studying English at ELSPM, and then continued my theological studies from February 2024 to November 2025 at Yarra Theological Union. I made my final vows on January 15, 2026, in Galong, Australia.

I was recently ordained a deacon on May 23, 2026 at Holy Eucharist Parish, St. Albans. My provincial sent me to do my deaconate ministry here, in our community, St. Damian Parish. I would like to personally thank the parish priest, Fr. Dong and all of you for welcoming me and making me feel at home. I want to ask for your prayers and supports as I prepare for priestly ordination. Please be patience with me as we journey together during this period until February of next year.

There is a scripture verse that I have been reflecting on for the past few months: "Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10)." I chose this verse after reflecting on my vocational journey. While I have had many joyful experiences along the way, I have also encountered many situations that have diminished my vocation.

I could have given up on my vocation, but here I am. I realize that I have been able to get through this not because of my own strength, but because of God, who has been my strength throughout this journey.

Deacon Siven



St Damian's

60th
Anniversary



• 26th September 2026 •

at Ferraro Receptions

MENU



PLATTER FOR THE TABLE:
Antipasto Platter



ENTRÉE:
Salt & Pepper Calamari
Lasagna



MAIN:
Roast Beef
Chicken Cordon Bleu



DESSERT:
Panna Cotta
French Crepes



Tea and Coffee will be served with Dessert



A set menu of alternating Entrée, Main & Dessert
will be served.



• Soft drink, Wine & Beer
served for the whole evening. •



ST DAMIAN'S PARISH BUNDOORA

60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, 26 September 2026

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Come and Celebrate 60 Years of St Damian's!

With great joy and gratitude, I warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate 60 years of faith, prayer, friendship, service and memories at St Damian's Parish.

This is a special milestone for our whole parish family - an opportunity to give thanks to God, celebrate our shared journey and enjoy a wonderful evening together.

Please don't miss it! A 60th Anniversary comes only once. Bring your family, invite your friends and let's celebrate together.

Tickets: Adults \$70 | Children \$40 - These are the actual costs paid to Ferraro Receptions. This is not a fundraising event - simply a celebration for our parish family.

Tickets are nearly sold out!

If you have not yet purchased your ticket, please do so soon.

To everyone who has already purchased a ticket, thank you for your wonderful support!

Please see the menu on the other side.

60 years. One parish. One family. One beautiful celebration.

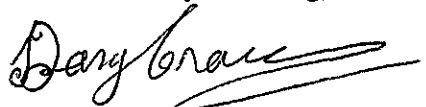
Please come. Bring your family. Invite a friend. Let us celebrate St Damian's together!

I look forward to celebrating with you.

For enquiries: ☎ 9467 2797 | ✉ bundoora@cam.org.au

May God continue to bless St Damian's Parish and all our parishioners, families and friends.

With every blessing,



Fr. Joe Dong Tran
Parish Priest, St Damian's Parish

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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