



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

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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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 6th September 2026

THIS WEEKEND

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

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Recent Deaths: Ettore Pozzer, Violet Wagon, Francesco Montalto

Anniversaries: Anita Gentile, Sabrina Janez, Anna Meslino, Gouseppe Lucci, Vince Leo, Marc Lucci, John Xenes, Ilario Valente, Mario Caruso, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Vincenzo D'Atri

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

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REFLECTION – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Friends in Christ Jesus, today's Gospel speaks about two things that are very important in family life: correcting one another with love and praying for one another.

First, correct one another with love - None of us is perfect. We all make mistakes. Sometimes we lose our patience, say hurtful words, or fail to understand those we love.

Jesus reminds us: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not see the wooden beam in your own?" (Mt 7:3).

How true this is in family life! We can easily see the faults of our husband, wife, parents, or children, while forgetting our own.

Jesus does not tell us to ignore mistakes. He tells us to correct one another with love. There is a difference between correcting and condemning. Condemnation says, "You are no good." Love says, "You made a mistake, but I still love you, and I want to help you."

St Philip Neri once taught a woman about gossip by asking her to scatter chicken feathers along the road and then collect them again. She could not. He explained that hurtful words are like those feathers: once spoken, they cannot easily be taken back.

So before we speak, especially when we are angry, let us ask: "Will my words heal, or will they hurt?"

Second, when words are not enough, pray - Sometimes we try to help someone we love, but nothing changes. We talk, we explain, and we become frustrated. But there is always something we can do: pray.

St Monica prayed for many years for her son Augustine. She could not change him by force. She loved him, remained faithful, and placed him in God's hands.

Perhaps someone in our family is struggling. Perhaps a husband and wife have become distant, or a parent and child have grown apart. Do not give up. Pray for them. Jesus promises: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Mt 18:20).

This weekend, as we celebrate Father's Day, let us give thanks for our fathers and grandfathers - for their love, sacrifice, care, and support. If they are with us, let us tell them that we love and appreciate them. If they have passed away, let us remember them with gratitude and pray for them.

Friends, family is not a place where perfect people live. It is where imperfect people learn to love, forgive, and begin again. When we correct, let us do it with love. When we are hurt, let us forgive. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 12th & 13th September 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	Confirmation Mass	E. Taylor W. Fernando T. Garcia
8.00am	Sr . Nelia L. Starvaggi	J. North M. Harrison M. Sweetman
10.00am	E. Jones C. Manabat	Sr S. Barker P. Gill J. Mercado

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in the Church
about 5 minutes
before Mass.

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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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ENQUIRIES: LAWRIE 0412839122

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

12th September:

2.00 Sacrament Eucharist St Damian's 2.00pm.

5.30pm : Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Mass

27th September :

Farwell for Principal Rosanna Piccolo at 10.00am and followed by morning tea in the Hall.

PRESENTATION OF SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



At this weekend Mass at 5.30pm, we welcome the Parish Children and their Families for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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A Father's Love – Father's Day



This Father's Day, we give our deepest gratitude to all fathers and grandfathers for the love, sacrifice, strength, and care they have given to their families.

A father's love is often expressed quietly in his hard work, his protection, his encouragement, and the many sacrifices he makes without asking for recognition. His presence gives strength, his wisdom gives direction, and his love gives a family a sense of belonging.

Today, let us not take their love for granted. If your father or grandfather is with you, tell him: "Thank you. I love you. I appreciate you."

For those who have gone before us, we remember them with grateful hearts and entrust them to God's loving mercy.

May God bless all fathers and grandfathers and reward them abundantly for their love and faithful care.

Happy Father's Day!

60th Anniversary of St Damian's Parish – Dinner Dance

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations of St Damian's Parish, we will be holding a Dinner Dance on Saturday, 26 September.

Tickets are still available! If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Joe Dong after any of the weekend Masses to purchase your tickets.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special evening of celebration, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we mark 60 years of our parish community.

Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Menu for the Evening

Platter for Table: Antipasto Platter

Entrée: Salt & Pepper Calamari or Lasagna

Main: Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Dessert: Panna Cotta or French Crepes

Tea and Coffee will be served with dessert.

A set menu of alternating Entrée, Main & Dessert

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

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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