



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

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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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 9th AUGUST 2026

THIS WEEKEND

1kgs 19:9, 11-13

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 10th August: St Lawrence

Tue 11th August : St Clare

Fri 14th August: St Maximillian Mary Kobe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Recent Deaths: Anita Gentile

Anniversaries: Malinga, Alphons Vandenhoven, Antonio Peduto, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Vincenzo D' Atri

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*

Reflection – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop



Today's Gospel presents us with a powerful moment in the life of the disciples. After feeding the five thousand, Jesus sends them ahead in the boat while he goes up the mountain to pray. During the night, a strong wind arises, and the disciples struggle against the waves. In the midst of their fear and uncertainty, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and says: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

These words are at the heart of today's Gospel: Jesus is always present, even in the storms of life. The disciples recognised Jesus only when they listened to his voice and placed their trust in him. Peter's experience reminds us that when he focused on Jesus, he could walk on the water; but when he became afraid of the wind and the waves, he began to sink. Faith requires us to keep our eyes fixed on Christ, especially in difficult times.

Today, we also celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint. Her life was a beautiful example of trusting in God's presence and providence. Mary faced many challenges: opposition, misunderstandings, financial struggles, and uncertainty in her mission. Yet, like the disciples in the boat, she continued to hear Jesus' words: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

With great faith and courage, Saint Mary devoted herself to serving the poor, educating children, and bringing God's love to those who were forgotten. Her famous words, *"Never see a need without doing something about it,"* show us a faith that is not only spoken but lived through love and action.

The Gospel and the example of Saint Mary MacKillop invite us to ask ourselves: What are the storms that we face today? Where do we need to trust Jesus more deeply? Perhaps we carry worries about our families, our health, our future, or the challenges of daily life. Like Peter, we can sometimes focus more on the waves around us than on the Lord who is beside us.

May Saint Mary MacKillop inspire us to remain faithful, courageous, and generous. May we learn to recognise Christ's presence in our lives and respond to his call with open hearts, trusting that God is always with us, especially in the storms we face. St Mary MacKillop, Pray for us! Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 15th & 16th August 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	A.Dass J. Mercado	A. Karuppiah L. Robinson M. Spiteri
8.00am	L. Starvaggi Sr. Nelia	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge A. Brammer
10.00am	C. Manabat E. Jones	N. Cardamone L. Careri Sr. S. Barker

COUNTERS

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N. Mana Lansan

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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.



Let's Make This Celebration Happen Together

Dear St Damian's Parishioners,

As your Parish Priest, I warmly invite and encourage you to join us in celebrating the **60th Anniversary of St Damian's Parish**. This is a once-in-a-lifetime milestone in the life of our parish - a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God, celebrate our history, and strengthen our parish family.

The ticket price is **exceptional value, including a delicious four-course meal and unlimited beer, wine, and soft drinks**. More importantly, your presence will help make this a joyful and memorable celebration for our whole community.

I also ask for **your support by donating new or good-quality items for our raffle prizes**. If you have gifts or items in excellent condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them. Your generosity will help make the evening even more enjoyable while supporting our parish.

Together, we can make this anniversary celebration a truly special event. Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and commitment to our parish. I look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with you. God bless,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

2026 ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop Campaign supports the vital Mission of the Church by providing care for retired priests, the formation of seminarians for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the work of Melbourne's overseas missions, and a wide range of charitable initiatives that assist those most in need in our community.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Campaign Team : archbishopfund@cam.org.au

Campaign Envelopes are available in the Church.

Ladies' Lunch.

Details for our next lunch are: Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th August.



All ladies of St Damian's are most welcome to join us for a nice meal and a friendly chat.

Contact Sarita for any further information or to book in. 9467 2532 or 0434 581 948.

Farwell Celebration for Rosanna Piccolo

Sunday 27th September 2026 : 10.00am Mass and followed by Morning Tea in the Hall..



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

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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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