



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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3RD MAY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pet 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pet 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, Except through me.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Philomena Bowlen, Michael Frazer

Anniversaries: Teresa Tran Thi Trinh, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Diana Whylley, John Long, Susie, Moding Ilanto

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 FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



As I was preparing for this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the first thing that came to my mind was a childhood experience that still lingers in my memory. I remember trekking to Mass at a distant outstation. One Sunday after Mass, I got lost in the crowd. My parents and siblings searched everywhere but eventually left, thinking I had gone home with a neighbour. About twenty minutes later, I woke up alone in a quiet corner of the church. Hungry and confused, I stepped outside. The roads all looked similar, and I did not know which way to take. Then a man approached me and offered to help. At first, I hesitated, but when he called my parents by name, I trusted him. He took me to his home, gave me food, and later brought me safely back to my family.

That "good Samaritan" remains for me an image of Christ—one who not only shows the way but becomes the way for us. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His troubled disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way, the truth, and the life." Like a lost child, humanity often finds itself confused, unsure of direction, searching for meaning among many paths that promise much but lead nowhere. Jesus does not simply give directions; He offers Himself as the path that leads to the Father.

The first reading also reminds us how easily we can lose focus. The early Christian community faced division because attention shifted from the Word of God to material concerns. Yet, from this crisis came wisdom: the apostles appointed deacons so that both service and the proclamation of the Word could flourish. It was a return to "the Way"—a realignment with Christ.

Today, we are invited to examine our own lives. Which path are we following? Are we rooted in the truth of Christ, or distracted by the illusions of the world? Do we truly live the life He offers, or merely exist?

Like that child who found his way home through the help of another, we are reminded that Jesus continues to guide us—through His Word, through others, and through the quiet movements of grace. If we trust Him, follow Him, and remain in Him, we will never be lost. For in Christ, we find the way that leads us home, the truth that sets us free, and the life that endures forever. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 9th & 10th May 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	A.Favrin P. Bezzina	L. Gooneratne M. Jones A. Karuppiah
8.00am	L.Starvaggi V. Dalla- Vecchia	A. Dalla- Vecchia M. Sweetman M. Beverley
10.00am	C. Manabat K. Mangubat	J. Tonkin W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco

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Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

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about 5 minutes
before Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

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& 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.



Thanks So Much to Dear Deacon Huy

THANK YOU

On behalf of St Damian's Community, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your presence among us over the past several months. Your dedication, service, and pastoral care have been a true blessing to our parish community. As you conclude your time with us this weekend, please know how much your contribution and commitment have meant to all of us.

Thank you sincerely for all that you have done. We assure you of our continued prayers as you prepare for the priesthood. May the Lord guide, strengthen, and bless you abundantly in this important journey and in your future ministry.

We also look forward with great joy to welcoming you back on Saturday, 30th May 2026 at 5:30 PM, to celebrate your Thanksgiving Mass with us here at St Damian's.

May God bless you and keep you always.
With gratitude and prayers,

St Damian's Community



SAVE THE DATE & MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Please take note of the following important dates:

- **Sunday 10 May** – Mother's Day Celebration•
- **Saturday 26 September** – 60th Anniversary Dinner for St Damian's Parish at Ferraro (*further details to follow*).

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses to support our Mother's Day celebration. The raffle draw will take place on **Mother's Day, after the 10:00am Mass**, in the Dunlop Room.

Prizes:

- **1st Prize:** \$180 – 2 adult tickets & 1 child ticket (\$40) for the 60th Anniversary Dinner
- **2nd Prize:** \$110 – 1 adult ticket & 1 child ticket (\$40) for the 60th Anniversary Dinner
- **3rd Prize:** \$70 – 1 adult ticket for the 60th Anniversary Dinner

The 60th Anniversary Dinner includes a **4-course meal** and **5 hours of unlimited alcohol and soft drinks**.

Please note: the ticket price is **\$70 per person**.
Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

BAPTISM:



This weekend, our community warmly welcomes Danika Liyanage, Polly Mc Pherson and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 16th May 2026: Sacrament of Confirmation
Presentation Mass 5.30pm & Sunday 17th May at 10.00am.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE COLLECTED

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please take your envelopes with your name on it and, if possible, help distribute to nearby friends and neighbours. Thank you

LEGION OF MARY

English:

Legion of Mary – A Vietnamese Praesidium will be established at St. Damian's Catholic Church.

The Praesidium is scheduled to begin meetings in May 2026. You are warmly invited to register and attend. For more details, please contact us on: 0417 379 489

Tiếng Việt: Đạo Binh Đức Mẹ – một Praesidium (đơn vị) tiếng Việt sẽ được thành lập tại Nhà thờ Công giáo Thánh Damian. Praesidium dự kiến bắt đầu các buổi họp vào tháng 5 năm 2026. Xin trân trọng kính mời quý vị đăng ký tham gia và hiện diện. Mọi chi tiết xin liên hệ: 0417 379 489

Ladies' Lunch.



All ladies of St Damian's are welcome to join us at our next lunch.
Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 19th May at 12 o'clock.

Contact Sarita to book. 9467 2531 or 0434 581 948.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

This weekend after each weekend Mass, there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there.

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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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