



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm and during monthly Holy Hour

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents should 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 62: 1-5

1 Cor 12: 4-11

Jn 2:1-11

NEXT WEEK

Neh 8:2-6,8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday: 21st Jan: St Agnes

Friday: 24th Jan: St Francis De sales

Sat 25th Jan: The Conversion of St Paul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Recent Deaths: David Phillips, Carol Brunialti, Giuseppe Sette

Anniversaries: Sammy Barbara

Sick:

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...)*

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Dear friends in Christ, our readings for today reveal the transformative power of God's love and the abundance of His blessings in our lives.

Isaiah 62:1-5 describes God's unwavering commitment to His people, portraying a relationship of deep love and faithfulness. Just as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, God delights in us. This image reminds us of our dignity as His beloved and calls us to respond with trust and fidelity.

In the second reading from 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, St. Paul highlights the diversity of gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Each person is uniquely blessed, not for personal glory, but for the common good. This reminds us of our shared responsibility to use our talents to build up the Church and serve others, knowing that every gift is an expression of God's love.

Finally, the Gospel from John 2:1-11, the Wedding at Cana, offers a profound lesson in faith and transformation. Jesus turns water into wine, revealing His glory and marking the beginning of His public ministry. This miracle points to the abundance of God's grace and the joy that flows when we trust in Him. Mary's intercession teaches us the power of prayer and the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need.

What can we learn from our readings this weekend?

1. God delights in us: We are not forgotten or forsaken; we are loved deeply and personally by God.
2. We are called to serve: Each of us has been given gifts to share, and our unity in diversity reflects the beauty of God's Church.
3. Faith leads to transformation: When we bring our needs to Jesus, even the ordinary (like water) can become extraordinary (like wine).

Let us respond to these readings by rejoicing in God's love, using our gifts to serve one another, and placing our trust in Christ, who transforms our lives with His abundant grace. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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!

COUNTERS ROSTERS ARE READY FOR COLLECTION

The new counting rosters are available to be collected at the back of the Church.
The new Roster start on February 4th 2025.

Marie-Jones (Counter Co-Ordinator)

BAPTISM :



Our Parish welcomes into the family of St Damian's Zuri Mercado, Penelope & Leonard Aschroft Richards, Isla Goulas, who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May God bless them and always Hold their families in His Love..

A Message of Gratitude from Chamika

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous support for me and my children, Surath and Nimshi. I have received your contribution through Fr. Joe Dong, and I am truly thankful for your kindness. If you wish to continue supporting us, please feel free to reach out to me directly at 0493 745 560. Your generosity means so much to us.

VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/BUNDOORA.

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.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION



Dear Donors,

I would like to inform you that the new series of Thanksgiving envelopes for the next six months are now available for collection at the back of the church.

If possible, may I kindly ask you to assist by delivering envelopes to your friends and family members who are unable to collect them in person? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and generosity.

Warm regards,

Marie-Jones (Counter Co-Ordinator)

THANKSGIVING LETTER TO ST. DAMIAN'S PARISHIONERS

Wednesday, 14 January 2025

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners,

I pray this letter finds you well. As we embrace the new year of 2025, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a very happy new year filled with peace, love, happiness, and good health.

I wish to convey my deepest gratitude to you and your families for your generous support of our **Thanksgiving Programme**. Your consistent contributions have played a vital role in sustaining and advancing the mission of our beloved St. Damian's Parish. A special thank you also goes to those who have recently joined our parish community and pledged their support for the first time. Your contributions are truly valued and have a significant impact on our parish's life and mission.

As you know, the strength and vitality of our parish rely heavily on the financial support of each parishioner through Thanksgiving envelopes and Mass collections. Every contribution, regardless of its size, is invaluable and deeply appreciated. Your ongoing support enables us to meet crucial expenses, including quarterly loan and interest payments to the Catholic Development Fund.

I am pleased to inform you that as of 31 December 2024, we have successfully reduced our outstanding loan balance to **\$182,117.00**. This means we need to pay **\$8,867.00** every three months (capital repayment), and the interest paid is **\$3,055.74**, at a rate of **6.40%**. With your continued support, we aim to fully repay this loan by the end of 2029.

Additionally, the annual cost of insurance for the church, presbytery, and property is nearly **\$21,500**, with an excess of **\$5,000** – we pay it monthly. However, beyond your donations and Mass collections, we also receive an annual income of **\$56,967** from renting space to the Veterinary Clinic at **15 Plenty Road, Bundoora, VIC 3083**, which greatly assists in meeting our financial commitments.

Your contributions also support the monthly salaries of our Secretary, Bookkeeper, and Sacramental Coordinator. Utility bills and maintenance costs form essential parts of our parish expenditures as well.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the new series of Thanksgiving envelopes covering the next six months. For those requiring an **individual statement** or further information, please feel free to contact our Parish Office at **(03) 9467 2797** or email us at **Bundoora@cam.org.au**.

As your Parish Priest, I sincerely extend my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support in advancing the vision of our parish. Your financial contributions enable us to nurture a community grounded in love, care, and mutual support, while providing essential opportunities for worship and education for our children.

With kindest regards

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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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