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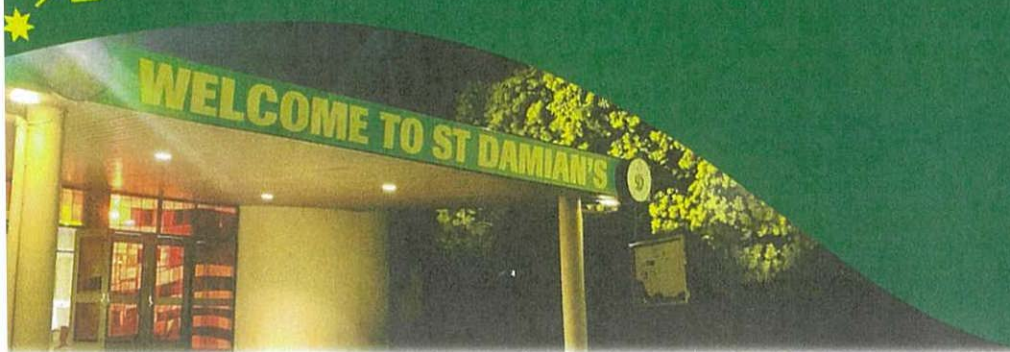
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WEEKENDS

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

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

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

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm 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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19TH OCTOBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Ex 17:8-13;

2 Tim 3: 14-4:2;

Lk 18:1-8.

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-9

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18:9-14.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 1st November : Solemnity of All Saints
@ 10.30am and 5.30pm

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!

Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for
ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Recent Deaths: Margaret Thompson

Anniversaries: Livino Livini, Stefano Scapuzzi,

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo, Teresa Munoz, E. Cruz, B. Cruz

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.



SHORT REFLECTION ON THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The determined widow in this week's parable encourages us to reflect on our prayer life. She is not deterred by the judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. Instead, she demonstrates what St Therese of Liseux described as a "surge of the heart": a trust and confidence in God who knows who we are and what we need.

Here is a short story that explains what it means to have "a surge of the heart." At a small race in a primary school, a group of boys dashed toward the finish line—one after another, they crossed it. It seemed like an ordinary competition until everyone noticed one boy far behind. He had twisted his ankle earlier and struggled to move, each step slower than the last.

At first, no one paid attention to the boy; all eyes were on the winners who had already finished the race. But after a while, people began to focus on the boy still struggling to reach the finish line. Many thought to themselves, What's the point? His effort seemed meaningless. There was no chance he could win, and the last place was waiting for him anyway. Some grew worried as his injury appeared to worsen. Then, people began to cheer, encouraging him to keep going. All attention was now on the last runner.

We may also wonder why the boy tries so hard to finish, even when his effort seems to make no difference. When people asked him, the boy simply replied, "My mom is watching me and she believes that I am not a quitter"

Today, St. Luke invites us to reflect on the nature of our prayer. Like the belief that the boy has in his race, our prayer is an act of trust—trust that God understands who we are and what we need. Persistence in prayer is not meant to coerce God or force God to listen to our demands; it is meant to nurture in us a deeper sense of trust, just like the boy who believes his mother is watching every step he takes in the race.

The gift of prayer goes beyond intercession. In prayer, we discover a clear vision of our deepest identity – both of who we are and whose we are – and of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. Being aware of how God is at work in our lives awakens within us a response to be a better version of ourselves. We are not content to act within the limits of our current reality. Because of persistence, we are inspired to move towards that vision of who we are called to be.

May we, like the determined widow, keep knocking, and trusting that our sense of trust in God continue to grow throughout our prayers.

Huy Huynh, CSsR.

Roster 25th & 26th October 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	M. Joyce J. Borg	E. Taylor M. Spiteri D. Mash	G. Love A. Schuck
8.00am	L. Starvaggi O. Carvalho	V. Smith M. Sweetman S. Aldridge	Supervisor
10.00am	C. Manabat P. Gill	E. Jones N. Cardamoone L. Careri	G. Spiteri



Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

Please gather together
in the Church
about 5 minutes
before Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

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Parishioners & visitors
& handing out the
newsletter.

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CONDOLENCES TO THE THOMPSON FAMILY

We remember our dear parishioner, Margaret Thompson. With both gratitude and sadness, we extend our heartfelt condolence to her family during this time of loss.

Margaret was well known to many as a friend and faithful and dedicated member of our parish, especially through her many years of volunteering in the parish and being part of our Finance Committee and our Counting Team. Margaret will be remembered not only as a valued parishioner but also as a true friend to many.

Her funeral will be held at St Damian's Parish on Friday the 24th October 2025 at 11.30am. Let us give thanks for Margaret's life, her faith, and her commitment to our parish community. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. God Bless.

BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's Isabella Uberti, Andy Le, who are being baptised.



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

Get your tickets now for a chance to win amazing prizes while supporting **our parish project to purchase a Christmas Nativity.**

Prizes:

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Tickets: Only \$2.00 each from every ticket sold, \$1.50 goes directly to our parish project.

Draw Date: Saturday, 6th December 2025. Your generosity helps us bring the joy of Christmas alive with a new Nativity for our parish.

Thank you for your kind support!

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New Offertory Giving Program for St Damian's Parish

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, is the second week of the Offertory Giving Program, which will continue over the next two weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation for us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians.

I encourage you to prayerfully engage in this time of reflection and discernment. Together, we look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

As you entered the church today, you may have noticed envelopes on a table outside the Church foyer. These envelopes contain a letter, inviting you to prayerfully consider your ongoing offering to our Parish community.

At the bottom of the letter, you will find a pledge card that you can fill out and tear off. In the coming weeks, you may return it by placing it in the collection basket during Mass, dropping it into the designated pledge box in the foyer, or submitting it directly to the parish office.

If your name is not on an envelope, please speak to one of our volunteers at the back of the Church. If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Office on :9467 2797 or Budoora@cam.org.au

2025, FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This year, the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls will fall on Saturday and Sunday.

Our parish will celebrate two

Masses on each day as follows:

@. Saturday, 1st November – Solemnity of All Saints: 10:30am and 5:30pm

Please note: There will be NO 9:15am MASS on this First Saturday as usual.

@. Sunday, 2nd November – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls): 8:00am and 10:00am

We look forward to seeing you all as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving.



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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