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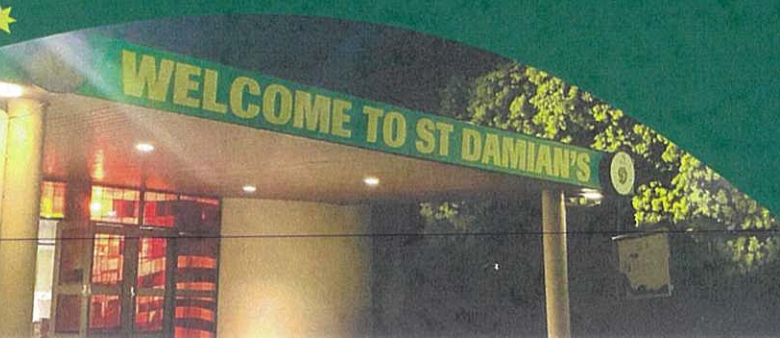
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WEEKENDS

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

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Micah 5:1-4

Heb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-45;

NEXT WEEK

1Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will
for me be done.

Alleluia!

PSALM.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given
your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon
your name

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Recent Deaths: Iris Bonello, Georgia Cachia

Anniversaries: Teresa Bisile, Jofefina Jacla

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY: In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health, collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of St. Damian's Bundoora is committed to upholding the Privacy principles set out in the legislation.

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 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 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...)*

REFLECTION FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we light the fourth candle, the Angel's Candle, we reflect on Love - the pure, self-giving love of God that we witness in the coming of Christ. Saint John Paul II beautifully reminds us: *"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love."*

In today's 1st reading the prophet Micah (5:1-4) speaks of a humble beginning: *"From Bethlehem, the least of the tribes, will come forth the ruler of Israel."* God's love is revealed in simplicity and humility - He chooses to dwell among us, not in power and grandeur, but as a vulnerable child.

In the Gospel of St. Luke (1:39-45), we see this love in action through Mary's visit to Elizabeth. The child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy, recognizing the presence of Christ. This scene reminds us that love calls us to move beyond ourselves, bringing Christ's presence to others through acts of compassion, joy, and service.

Friends, this Advent, as we eagerly await the birth of Jesus, let us turn our hearts to God in love, echoing the psalmist's prayer: *"Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face, and we shall be saved."*

As we prepare to welcome Christ, the Son of God, who became man like us in all things but sin, I would like to share with you our Christmas Mass Times:

@. 24th December (Tuesday, Christmas Eve):

- 7:00 pm Christmas Carols
- 7:30 pm Family Mass
- 9:30 pm Christmas Carols
- 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

@. 25th December (Wednesday, Christmas Day):

- 8:00 am & 10:00 am



As your Parish Priest, I look forward to welcoming you all to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth together. Thank you for your ongoing support for me and for our parish community.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2025. May the love of Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and hope.

Best wishes,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

COUNTERS ROSTER:	27th Dec 2024 :	R & G Mee	&	7th Jan 2025 : R & G Mee
SUPERVISOR:	27th Dec 2024 :	Marie Jones	&	7th Jan 2025: Marie Jones

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CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Christmas time is a time of experiencing joy, love, hope and giving. At 7:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve – Family Mass, children are welcome to dress up in the Christmas Spirit and be part of Christmas Mass.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

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.



UPCOMING ST DAMIAN'S PARISH MASS

After Christmas – 26th, 27th December: at 9:15am Mass

28th – 29th December: Feast of the Holy Family
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass
8.00am & 10.00am Sunday Masses

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

9:15AM - 10.00PM MASS - NEW YEAR EVE

JANUARY 2025

1ST WEDNESDAY JANUARY

9:15AM MASS – MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Thank you for all your service throughout 2024. The new roster will be prepared during January and will be emailed to you, or available for collection in the church, from

Saturday January 18th. This roster will be effective from 1/2/2025 until 29/6/2025. As usual volunteers are not rostered for January. Could you please see Father Joe, or the sacristan, before mass if you wish to volunteer as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister at January masses? Volunteers will need to let me know before Christmas if their availability has changed or if they wish to be removed from the roster. New volunteers are always welcome, especially for 8:00am mass on Sunday which only has a small list. Please contact me, or the Parish Office, if you are considering volunteering and I can talk to you about the roles and training (if required). As mandated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check or have an application pending, to be included on the roster. Please email me by December 24th or contact Dianne at the Parish Office.

Carmel FitzGerald (Roster Co-ordinator)

carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners and Contributors,

As we prepare for the next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes starting in February, I would kindly ask you to consider the following:

1. **Current Contributors:** If you would like to make any changes to your contributions, please let us know.
2. **New Contributors:** If you are interested in joining the Thanksgiving Program, please contact us. We can provide instructions on how to contribute via Thanksgiving Envelopes, credit card, or online payments.
3. **Additional Options:** You can also make donations using the **QUEST machine** located on the left-hand side as you enter the main church door.

Should you require any assistance or further information, please feel free to contact our Parish Office at:

☎ **9467 2797**

✉ **Bundoora@cam.org.au**

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and truly help our parish thrive.

With gratitude,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

The Piety Shop :

Many beautiful nativities both large and small are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards. Also in stock is the 2025 Columban Calendar at only \$11.00 the Calendar makes an excellent gift for family and Friends and helps support the missionaries.



SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT

Children who are in Year 3 and above are welcome to enrol. Whether your child is preparing for their Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, we are here to support their faith journey.

Please visit the parish office and complete the enrolment form. If your child is enrolling in the Reconciliation class, remember to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. Classes are held every Thursday, 4:00-5pm. The Reconciliation class starts on February 6, 2025. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact the parish office:
03 9467 2797

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vinnies Shop at 256 Settlement Road Thomastown. Requires volunteers to help sorting and pricing items. Days and Hours are flexible. It is a friendly atmosphere and you will be warmly welcomed. Please phone Sue(The Manager) 81994233

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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