



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26TH OCTOBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-9

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

Lk 18:9-14.

ALL SOULS DAY

2 Maccabees 12:42-45

Philippians 3:20-21

Luke 7:11-17

PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 28th Oct—Sts Simon and Jude

Sat 1st Nov—All Saints

Sun 2nd Nov—All Souls

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Margaret Thompson, Mary Ventoruzzo

Anniversaries: Gervasio Tonietto

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.



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*

A SHORT REFLECTION FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezra Taft Benson once said: *"Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right."*

A young man who visited a monastery seeking peace. When he arrived, he found the monks working silently in the garden. He approached the abbot and said, "Father, I want to learn humility." The abbot smiled and handed him a broom. "Then start sweeping," he said. For weeks, the young man swept the courtyard, often being corrected by others. He grew frustrated and complained, "Father, everyone keeps telling me what I'm doing wrong!" The abbot gently replied, "That is how you will learn humility by learning to listen rather than to defend yourself." Slowly, the young man discovered that true peace comes not from being right, but from being real before God and others.

This story captures the essence of today's Gospel. Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, two men who go up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stands tall, listing his accomplishments and thanking God that he is not like "other people." The tax collector, standing at a distance, beats his breast and prays simply, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus concludes that it is the tax collector - the sinner who goes home justified.

Here, Luke weaves both humour and seriousness. The Pharisee, who should have been a model of piety, becomes a caricature of self-righteousness. The tax collector, despised by society, becomes a model of faith. Jesus turns expectations upside down to teach us that true prayer is not self-congratulation but surrender.

The Book of Sirach assures us that "the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds." God is not impressed by status or wealth, but by sincerity of heart. St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, offers a living example: as his life nears its end, he looks back not with pride but gratitude: "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength." Paul knows that his faithfulness was possible only through grace.

St. Augustine once said that pride turns angels into devils, while humility raises sinners to heaven. Indeed, humility is truth, the recognition that everything we have and come from God.

This parable invites each of us to ask: When I pray, do I seek to impress God or to encounter Him? Do I compare myself to others, or do I let God reveal my true heart? Jesus reminds us that God's mercy flows toward the lowly: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

To pray humbly, then, is to stand before God as we are imperfect, dependent, and deeply loved. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster 1st & 2nd November 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Groom M. Joyce	J. Mercado L. Robinson B. Joyce	G. Love A. Schuck
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	A. Dalla- Vecchia Sr Nelia M. Beverrley	Supervisor
10.00am	K. Mangubat J. Sobey	J. Venturini Sr. S Barker C. Manabat	T. Frazer

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST Renewal of the Offertory Thanksgiving Program

Dearest St Damian's Parishioners and Visitors,



St Paul reminds us in his letter: *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* (1 Cor 10:31). With this spirit, I feel deeply privileged and grateful for all the ways you continue to support and serve our St Damian's community. Every word, every gesture, and every act of kindness you have offered to me and to the parish is truly appreciated.

As you may have noticed in our parish bulletin over the past two weekends and continuing this weekend and next. We are renewing our **Offertory Thanksgiving Program**, something that has not been done for more than a decade.

Regarding this renewal, I would like to ask for your kind cooperation:

1. If you have already taken an envelope, please complete the form inside and return it to us at your earliest convenience.
2. If you have already done so, no further action is needed. Should we require any additional information, we will contact you directly. Thank you sincerely for your support.
3. If you have not yet taken an envelope, **Giving Cards** are now available in the pews as well as in the church foyer. I invite you to pray and consider participating in this important program to help sustain the life and mission of our parish.
4. For those who prefer to make cash donations, either monthly or yearly that is also perfectly fine. Please contact Dianne, our Parish Secretary, who will be happy to assist you.
5. If your name is not on an envelope, kindly speak to our volunteers available in the church foyer.
6. Parishioners already contributing regularly whether through envelopes, direct debit, the Quest machine in the church, or cash etc... need take no further action.

Please also note that the current Thanksgiving envelopes will run out on **2nd November**, and the new ones will begin on **9th November** and will be available in the church foyer sometime next week.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at **9467 2797** or email us at Bundoora@cam.org.au.

May the Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, bless you abundantly for your faith, kindness, and ongoing support of St Damian's Parish.

With heartfelt gratitude in Christ,
Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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.

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:

1st PRIZE!!



- @. 1st Prize: A brand-new Kia Picanto
- @. 2nd Prize: Gift card valued at \$5,000
- @. 3rd Prize: Gift card valued at \$3,000
- @. 4th & 5th Prizes: Gift cards valued at \$1,000 each
- @. 6th & 7th Prizes: Gift cards valued at \$500 each

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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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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