



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
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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, 2ND JUNE 2024

THIS WEEKEND

EX 24:3-8
Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

NEXT WEEK

Gen 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 3rd June: Sts Charles Lwanga
Wed 5th June: St Boniface
Fri 7th June: The most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 8th June: The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will
live for ever.

Alleluia!

PSALM

**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of
the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened
my bonds

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of
the Lord**

Recent Deaths: Angelo Petrilli, John William Andrews

Anniversaries: Caterina Carri, Vittorio Gizzi

Sick: Linda Watson, Sherry Ann Omega

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 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...)*

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.



Reflection for the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ – CORPUS CHRISTI



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. This feast invites us to reflect deeply on the mystery and gift of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

In today's Gospel, we hear the account of the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, **"Take it; this is my body."** Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."**

What Can We Learn from This Feast?

1. The Real Presence of Christ: The feast of Corpus Christi reaffirms our belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist, we are not merely participating in a symbolic act. We are receiving Christ himself who nourishes our souls and strengthens our relationship with Him. This profound mystery invites us to approach the Eucharist with reverence and awe, recognizing the incredible gift we have been given.

2. The Sacrifice of Love: The Eucharist is a celebration of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. His body was broken, and his blood was shed for our salvation. Each time we partake in the Eucharist, we are reminded of this ultimate act of love and are called to respond with love in our own lives. This means living out our faith with compassion, forgiveness, and service to others, following Christ's example.

3. Unity and Community: The Eucharist is also a sacrament of unity. As we gather around the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are united not only with Jesus but also with one another. It strengthens our bonds as a community of believers and reminds us that we are one body in Christ. This unity calls us to work towards peace and reconciliation within our communities and the wider world.

4. Spiritual Nourishment: Just as food and drink sustain our physical bodies, the Eucharist sustains our spiritual lives. It provides the grace we need to grow in holiness and to persevere in our daily challenges. Regularly receiving the Eucharist helps us to stay connected to Christ, who is the vine, and we are the branches.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, let us renew our appreciation for the Eucharist. Let us approach the altar with grateful hearts, aware of the profound mystery we are privileged to partake in. May the Body and Blood of Christ strengthen us to live out our faith with love, unity, and a deep sense of mission. Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of the Eucharist. Help us to receive it worthily and to be transformed by your presence in our lives. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

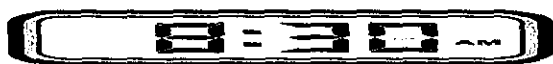
ROSTER: 8th & 9th June 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	N. Nugent A. Dass	S. Gooneratne C. Ho A. Karuppiah	E. Macmanus	N & K Nugent	Eucharist/ Welcomers
8.00am	O. Carvalho V. Smith	C. Love K. Keating M. Sweetman	A. Brammer	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	M. Han J. Capuana	W. Mc Eleney P. Del Popolo R. Sacco	L. Careri	M. Sweetman	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming pa- rishioners & visi- tors & handing



TIME CHANGES FOR 8:00 AM MASS IN THE WINTER ONLY

Dear Parishioners,



As winter approaches, we are considering making a seasonal adjustment to our Sunday Mass schedule. Specifically, we are proposing to change the **8:00 am Mass to 8:30 am** during the winter months.

This means the Mass will start **30 minutes later** to accommodate the colder mornings. When summer arrives, we will revert to the normal 8:00 am start time.

We value your feedback on this proposed change. Please let us know your thoughts and preferences by contacting me directly via email at dong.tran@cam.org.au or by mobile at **0424 710 035**.

Alternatively, you can reach out to the parish office at bundoora@cam.org.au. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your input.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

NEEDS HELP FROM FR. THOMAS KHAN

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to introduce you to my priestly friend, Fr. Thomas Khan, who is visiting from Vietnam and staying with me for a few days before returning to his province. Fr. Thomas has recently been appointed as a parish priest in a new, impoverished parish. Unfortunately, he currently lacks a proper parish house to reside in and spends his time teaching children in the village about God during the week and after weekend Masses.

I feel deeply moved by his situation and wish to extend a heartfelt appeal to our community. **Can you help support Fr. Thomas in his mission?** Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to contribute, you can give your donation directly to me, or Fr. Thomas will be available in the foyer after each weekend Mass to receive your support personally.

Thank you for your generosity and understanding. Together, we can make a significant difference in Fr. Thomas's ministry and the lives of those he serves.

Best regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Parish Census

Over the next couple of weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available at the end of each pew. So we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

BAPTISM :

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Evie Del Pizzo, Miles Nicholson who are being baptised.



Our Volunteers

Join Our Parish Volunteers Day

Dear Volunteers,

The Parish is organizing a **Formation Day for Eucharistic and Reading Ministers** on **Saturday, 10th August** from **10:30 am - 11:30 am** in the church and the Cuppa afterward in the Dunlop Room. This event provides a great opportunity for you to meet and greet fellow volunteers and strengthen our community bonds.

In addition to fellowship, we have several important items on the agenda:

- **Signing the Code of Conduct:** We encourage all volunteers to sign up for the Code of Conduct and update their records with our office.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC): We will be offering assistance to those who need to obtain or renew their Working With Children Checks. If your WWCC is due to expire or has already expired, please contact the parish office for renewal assistance.

Please mark this date in your diary. Your participation is highly appreciated and essential for maintaining the safety and integrity of our community. Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Much appreciated.

The Child Safety Team
Chairperson: Daniella Zinni

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Next weekend Paul Bezzina from our Parish Pastoral Council will be talking about the upcoming event.

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God. Paul will be speaking at all our weekend Masses on the 8th and 9th June.

You know that prayer is important but may still find it challenging.

Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or, maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer.

Join us for a **FREE EVENT** at **St Damian's** in the **Dunlop Room** beginning **19th June, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, and continuing every following Weds for total 7 weeks.

**Have you been thinking about coming a catholic?
Or, Have you even been thinking to invite other to be a catholic? IF YES!**

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on **9467 2797** for any further information. **Ellen Macmanus**

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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