



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

ALL SOULS , 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

2 Maccabees 12:42-45

Philippians 3:20-21

Luke 7:11-17

NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

1 Cor3:9-11,16-17

John 2:13-22

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 4th Nov—St Charles

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

PSALM

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Paul Borg (4th Anniversary) Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

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



WORD OF THANKS FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners and Donors,

Last week, just before morning Mass, one of our parishioners came up to me with a sincere question: "Father, why does the parish need money for?"

It's a good question and one that many might wonder about quietly. I replied that the parish needs money to pay for ordinary expenses such as electricity, gas, water, insurance, maintenance, and many other running costs.

He then asked, "But doesn't the government help?"

I smiled and said, "No."

He continued, "How about the Melbourne Archdiocese - do they help pay the parish bills?"

Again, I had to say, "No. In fact, the parish supports the Archdiocese, not the other way around."

He looked surprised and asked, "Then how do you pay for everything?"

My short answer was: "Through the collections and donations of our parishioners."

He paused, nodded, and said, "Now I understand."

Dear friends in Christ, as you may have noticed from the last three weekend bulletins (including this one), our parish community has been renewing our **Offertory Thanksgiving Envelopes Program**. This is the final week of our renewal, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to all of you for your support and participation in the life of our parish.

I am especially grateful to all those who continue to contribute financially through the Thanksgiving Program. Your generosity enables the parish to pay its bills, maintain our facilities, and also support my daily living stipend. Truly, your giving keeps our parish alive and our mission ongoing.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to our new givers. If you are still holding your pledge card, may I kindly ask you to return it as soon as possible so that we can include your details in our system. Please be assured that all account information is completely secure and confidential - no one can access it.

Please note that the **new Thanksgiving envelopes** are now available for collection at the back of the church. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the parish office by email at bundoora@cam.org.au or phone 9467 2797.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may He always hold you and your loved ones in His love and protection.

With gratitude in Christ,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

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!

St Damian's Ladies' Lunch.

The next lunch catch up is on Tuesday, 18th November at 12 o'clock at the Watsonia RSL.

All are welcome to come and join us. Ring or text Sarita (9467 2531 or 0434 581 948) to book or for any inquiries.



St Damian's Church 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.



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*



SHORT REFLECTION ON THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Topic: "Love Stronger Than Death"

An elderly woman once visited the cemetery every morning. Rain or shine, she brought fresh flowers, whispered a short prayer, and left quietly. One day, a curious passer by asked, "Why do you come here so often?" She replied, "Because love doesn't end at the grave. I come to remind myself that death doesn't have the last word - God does."

Her quiet faith expresses what we celebrate in these two beautiful feasts of **All Saints** and **All Souls** this weekend.

They remind us that **love and communion continue beyond death**. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 946-959) teaches that we are all united in the **Communion of Saints**, the faithful in heaven, the souls being purified in purgatory, and those still on earth. Together, we form one Body in Christ, bound by love and prayer. The Church on earth prays for the souls who are being purified, and the saints intercede for us before God's throne. In the heart of God, there is no distance only communion.

Our **first reading** from *2 Maccabees 12:42-45* is one of the earliest biblical witnesses to this truth. Judas Maccabeus, after battle, collected the fallen soldiers and discovered that some had died wearing pagan amulets. Recognizing their sin, he prayed for them and took up a collection for a sacrifice to atone for their souls. Scripture praises this as "a holy and pious thought."

Here we see the foundation of our Christian practice of praying for the dead. We believe, as the Catechism (CCC 1032) affirms, that our prayers, sacrifices, and especially the Eucharist can help the departed be purified and come to the joy of heaven. This is not superstition it is love in action, hope expressed through faith.

In the **Gospel of Luke (7:11-17)**, Jesus meets a widow of Nain who has lost her only son. Seeing her grief, He is "moved with compassion" and says, "Do not weep." Then, with divine authority, He restores the young man to life. This miracle reveals the heart of God: a love that conquers death and restores communion. It foreshadows Christ's own resurrection and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

When we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints**, we rejoice with those already sharing in that victory, the men and women who allowed God's grace to make them radiant with holiness. When we observe **All Souls**, we lovingly remember those still journeying toward that same glory. These two days are not separate but two sides of one mystery: **the triumph of divine mercy and the unity of God's family across heaven and earth**.

So what can we learn? That holiness is possible, that hope is stronger than grief, and that our love for one another: expressed in prayer, remembrance, and mercy endures beyond the grave. Like the widow of Nain, we place our sorrow before Christ who alone can turn mourning into joy. And like Judas Maccabeus, we lift our prayers for the departed, trusting that one day, together with all the saints, we too will share in the eternal light of the risen Lord. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster 8th & 9th November 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	P.Cosgrave P. Bezzina	M. Jones C. Ho Sr. Felicity	B. Keating T. Garcia
8.00am	J.North C. Fitzgerald	J. Fellowes K. Keating V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	E. Jones N.Mathews	P. Del Popolo J. Tonkin W. Mc Eleney	D. Mash



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.

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.

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