



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

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 5TH OCTOBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4;
2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10.

NEXT WEEK

2 Kg 5:14-17;
2 Tim 2: 8-13;
Lk 17:11-19.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :
Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.
Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 7th Oct— Our Lady of the Rosary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Recent Deaths: Rita Mees, Livia Petrilli

Anniversaries: Marc Lucci, Olga Martini (1st Anniversary), Clare & Simon Anandapulle, Emalin & Francis Hansa, Dion Fernando, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Maria Stella Alifracco (1st Anniversary)

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo



REFLECTION FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

27th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

My dear friends in Christ,

The prophet Habakkuk, in the first reading, gives voice to what many of us have felt at one time or another: *“How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!”* He sees violence, injustice, and suffering all around him, and he wonders why God does not act. This honest cry is not far from our own hearts when we see wars, poverty, sickness, or family struggles. But God’s answer to Habakkuk is simple and profound: *“The just one, because of his faith, shall live.”* In other words, faith is not about having everything solved, but about trusting God even when His plan is hidden.

That is exactly what the disciples ask Jesus in the Gospel: *“Increase our faith.”* They sense that following Him is not easy. Jesus reminds them that even a little faith – a faith the size of a mustard seed has immense power. Faith is not about quantity but quality. Genuine faith connects us to the living God who makes the impossible possible.

St. Paul, in the letter to Timothy, reminds us that this faith is a gift that must be guarded and rekindled. He tells Timothy to *“stir into flame the gift of God”* received through the Spirit. That flame can grow dim if neglected, but when nourished through prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments, it gives us courage and strength to bear difficulties and to witness to Christ.

What do these readings mean for us today? **First**, faith is not a magic solution to all problems, but it is the lens that helps us to live with trust and perseverance. When life seems unfair, faith does not remove the cross, but it assures us that God walks with us.

Second, faith must be active. Like servants in the Gospel, we are called to fulfill our duty with humility. Faith expresses itself in service: serving God and serving others without counting the cost or expecting rewards. We serve not to earn God’s love, but because we already live in His love.

Finally, we are invited to grow our “mustard seed” faith. Perhaps our prayer each day could be the same as the apostles: *“Lord, increase our faith.”* When we forgive someone, when we continue to hope in trials, when we serve quietly and generously, our faith is alive and growing.

May the Lord rekindle in us the flame of faith, so that we may live with courage, trust in God’s promises, and serve one another with humble love. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 11th & 12th October 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	N. Nugent A. Favrin	C. Ho Sr Felicity T. Garcia	W.Fernando M. Thompson
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge M. Beverley	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Mercado E. Jones	P. Del Popolo P. Gill J. Tonkin	M. Jones



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.

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*

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Dear parishioners and visitors,



If you or someone you know - friends or family - are interested in becoming Catholic, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact the **Parish Office** at **9467 2797** or email bundoorara@cam.org.au.

We would be delighted to guide you on this journey of faith. Thank you!

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Some parishioners and visitors have recently asked me two important questions:

1. Does the Archdiocese of Melbourne financially assist parish priests when needed?

The answer is: *No*. The archdiocese does not pay parish, priests or presbytery bills. Each parish is responsible for its own financial needs.

2. How is the Presbytery Account managed and used?

Every parish is required to maintain two separate accounts:

- **Church Account:** Used for all parish and church-related expenses such as electricity, water, maintenance, insurance, parish staff salaries, and other parish operating costs.

- **Presbytery Account:** Funded mainly through collections and contributions. Each quarter (every 3 months), the presbytery account makes the following contributions:

- ◇ 5%: Cathedraticum contribution to the archbishop.

- ◇ 12%: Priests' Remuneration Fund (PRF).

- ◇ 12.5%: Priests' Retirement Fund.

- ◇

The remaining balance supports the daily living expenses of the parish priest(s), including:

- ◇ Food and hospitality

- ◇ Petrol, car costs, and registration

- ◇ Stipend allowance

Other living needs

We hope this explanation clarifies how the presbytery account works. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at **(03) 9467 2797** or email bundoorara@cam.org.au.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support to me and to our parish community. God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's Salvatore Amenta, who is being baptised.



CONDOLENCES TO GEOFFEY MEE

Dear Parishioners,

With both gratitude and sorrow, we remember our dear parishioner, **Rita Mee**. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, **Geoffrey Mee**, and to their family during this time of loss.

Rita was well known to many of us as a faithful and dedicated member of our parish, especially through her generous service on the counting team. She 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 Monday, 6 October 2025, at 11:00am. Let us give thanks for Rita's life, her faith, and her commitment to our parish community. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. God bless,

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**.

1st PRIZE!!



Prizes:

@. 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 Church Bundoora



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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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