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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena
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 and Benediction after morning Mass on 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 ASCENSION of the LORD, 21st May 2023

READING

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

NEXT WEEK

Gen: 11:1-9
Rom 8:22-27
Jn: 7:37-39

PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Wed 24th May: Our Lady, help of Christians
Fri 26th May: St Philip Neri

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Alexander Acker

Lina Ciurleo

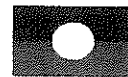
Anniversaries: Bernie Donoghue, Ines Stella, Luisa Spiller, Valeria Spiller, Franca Cima, Spencer
Sick: Clifford Jones, Chan Wong Sui Ho, Paul Long

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 WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Gospel Reflection for 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension) – Year A

"All peoples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy...God goes up with shouts of joy, and the Lord goes up with trumpet blast." On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that, one day, we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 665-667), teaches us that *"Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever."*

In today's first reading, Christ warned his disciples: "Remain in Jerusalem until the Father fulfills his promise." In today's gospel, the Apostles religiously obeyed this instruction: "They did him homage and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple praising God." They were in the temple in Jerusalem waiting for the Holy Spirit that will help them mature and age spiritually.

As in wine production, this was necessary to bring out the strength and sweetness in them for their mission. So, like them, we must obey Christ too and allow his Spirit to fill us and open the eyes of our minds as St. Paul prayed for us today in our second reading: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened."

Therefore, we must pay attention to what Jesus is telling us in today's gospel. As an experienced master, Christ knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how challenging our task is, and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities, we need divine help to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention all the time.

So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfilment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Sent forth your spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth." Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 27th & 28th May

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, ..
5.30pm	M. Joyce C. hO	R. Brown P. Cosgrove Volunteer	E. Macmanus	E. & N Mana Lansan	Please gather together in the
8.00am	Sr Nelia M. Sweetman	J. Fellowes C. Fitzgerald S. Aldridge	C.Fitzgerald	Supervisor	Sacristy about
10.00am	C. Manabat J. Venturini	N. Cardamone R. Sacco J. Venturini	K. Vandenhoven	D. Mash	15 Minutes prior to Mass.
					Eucharist Ministers—
					please remember that you are also welcoming

Ministries

BAPTISM



This weekend, we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Oliver Jones who is being baptised. May God keep their families always in his love.

Pentecost Novena of the Holy Spirit after Masses

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Pentecost is one of the most solemn feast days of the year. This year, our Parish will have its first Pentecost Novena, the main purpose of which is to increase our knowledge and love of God the Holy Spirit. The novena starts on Friday May 19 - after every morning & evening Mass and ends on that solemn day of Pentecost Sunday May 28. All are invited.

Eucharistic and Readers Rosters Update

The July - December 2023 rosters will be available for collection at masses on June 10/11. If you have not yet done so, could you please inform Carmel FitzGerald by Monday May 29th, if you will be absent for extended periods so that you will not be rostered in your absence. Carmel would like to thank all the volunteers who have so far confirmed their contact details and availability. She can be contacted at carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com or should you wish, you can contact Dianne Stubbs at the parish office and she will pass the information onto Carmel.

Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNTS

During this month of May, we will be conducting our Annual Parish Mass Counts for this weekend Masses (20/21)

ALPHA at St Mary's Greensborough

25th May Register Now

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space. Participants gain an insight into the basics of Christian faith and discuss its meaning in various aspects of our lives. You are welcome, regardless of your background and faith tradition. We share a meal. We watch a video.

We engage in discussion

Find out more & register using the above QR code or by clicking this link <https://tinyurl.com/y87kzhj3>



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ST DAMIAN'S RCIA 26 YEAR REUNION

Everyone are cordially invited to join us for this magnificent milestone in the life of our St Damian's Parish.

Who? All past and present who have been involved in any way with the R.C.I.A program.

When: Sunday 16th July 2023, starting with a special Mass @10.00am followed by refreshments.

Where? St Damian's Catholic Church
5 Settlement Road Bundoora.

Why: To Celebrate

Spread the Word

RSVP: Dianne in the Parish Office:
9467- 2797 or bundoora@cam.org.au
By Friday 30th June

PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Mass. The Shop entrance is via the Church Foyer. We have a wide range of items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals, prayer cards featuring popular Saints & Novena booklets.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Thankyou to everyone who attended the Mothers Day morning tea.

We appreciated everyone who volunteered their time to make the Mothers day morning tea a beautiful event.

Congratulations to Our Winners :

First Prize : Pina,

Second Prize: Domenica

Third Prize: Pina

1st Collection:

Thanksgiving Offering To support:

Parish running costs, Parish pastoral initiatives
Diocesan and various services

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2nd Collection Presbytery

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We appreciate all donations.

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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