



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: 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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 31ST DECEMBER 2023

READING

Num 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

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FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 1st January: Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Tue 2nd January: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Anton Hoang Phuoc Luong

Anniversaries : Anna Nguyen Thi Tinh, Elias Taouk, Sonia, Peter, Shoukry Sukkar, Anna Camilli

Sick:: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Emman Paneda

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.

Gratitude for Celebrating Christmas and Feast of the Holy Family



Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors,

As a community of Faith, Hope & Love, we gathered joyously to celebrate the wondrous birth of our Saviour, Christ. This weekend, the Mother Church invites us to reflect on the Feast of the Family, honouring Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, and the Infant Jesus. It's been a profound pleasure to share these moments of devotion and celebration with each of you.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined our Christmas services. Your presence truly embodies the spirit of the season, and I deeply appreciate the gift of your companionship, which enriches both me and the St. Damian's community.

A personal thank you goes out to those whose generosity brought forth Christmas and birthday gifts. Your kindness overwhelms me; I feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by such a loving parish family.

As your parish priest, I want to express my utmost appreciation for your continuous financial support throughout this year, particularly during the Christmas services. Your contributions help sustain our parish, and I am profoundly grateful for your generosity.

May the coming year be filled with abundant blessings, joy, and unity for you and your loved ones. On this blessed Feast of the Holy Family, may their divine guidance and love always envelop your families in unity and harmony.

Thank you for being part of this incredible community. Wishing you a very Merry and Blessed New Year, 2024!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Gospel reflection for the 1st (Holy Family) Sunday of Christmas, Year B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st January 2024:

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, at 7.00pm Mass

1st Friday : 5th Jan: Novena after Morning Mass

6th January : 1st Saturday

Prayers & Divine Mercy & Morning Mass at 9.15am

THE PIETY SHOP

During the Month of January the Piety Shop will be closed. We will re open in February 2024. We Thank all our volunteers who assist during the year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Friday 29th December to 15th January, Dianne will be on annual leave. If you need anything please contact Fr Joe Dong on 9467 2797.

Sacraments Program 2024

January 22 (Monday) 1.00 PM TO 2.00PM Enrolements in the Dunlop Room
January 31st—March 20: Reconciliation Classes
July 17- September 4 : Eucharist Classes
All Classes are scheduled every wenesday 4.00 pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room
Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office 9467 2797
Andrea Groom
Sacramental Co-Ordinator

The new roster (Feb - July) 2024

All new rosters will be available to be collected on the 20th & 21st January in the Church. We thank Carmel for Readers & Special Minister Rosters. If you have supplied your email address this will be emailed to you. Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office 9467—2797. Thank you

STAY ALERT & VIGILANT THE ROBBERS MIGHT COME!



Hello All!

It's understandable to feel concerned about recent events, especially during such a joyful time as Christmas. Your reminder to stay vigilant and alert is important for everyone's safety, particularly in light of the unfortunate incidents at our St Damian's Primary School. The robbers have broken into it twice in a short of time last week.

So during this bustling season, it's crucial to prioritize not just the festivities but also the safety of your families and our community. Your message serves as a reminder to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and to take necessary precautions to ensure everyone's well-being.

Wishing everyone a safe and secure Christmas season. Let's keep an eye out for each other and spread goodwill, not just in celebration but also in safeguarding you families and our community.

Volunteer Opportunity at the Piety Shop - Join Us in Service!

Dear Parishioners,
I hope this message finds you well. I recently had a discussion with Anne-Marie Brammer, our dedicated Piety Shop Coordinator here at St. Damian's Parish. We're in need of more helping hands and would greatly appreciate your consideration in joining our team of volunteers.

Volunteering at the Piety Shop is a brief commitment, taking approximately 15 minutes after the Weekend Mass, as per the roster. Your contribution would make a significant difference in supporting our community.

If you feel called to assist and have some time to spare, please don't hesitate to reach out to Anne-Marie Brammer directly at (03) 94673508 or contact the Parish Office at 94672797. Your willingness to support our parish activities is immensely valued and appreciated.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our community. Your involvement would be a meaningful addition to our efforts.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

Happy New Year To All

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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