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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21st, 2024

READING

Jonah: 3: 1-5

1 Cor 7: 29-31

Mk 1: 14-20

NEXT WEEK

Deut: 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed : 24th Jan : St Francis de Sales

Thur: 25th Jan : The Conversion of St Paul

Fri: 26th Jan : Australia Day

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Fedela Gugliotti

Anniversaries: John & Emilia Cisak,
Vittorio Gizzi

Jozef Cisak,
Mario Camilli,

Emma Henwood,
Domenico Gizzi

Fred Paniza
Francesco Garra

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.



Gospel Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 24(25):4-6, 7b-9; 1Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1:14-20)

Dear Friends in Christ, we're on this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings echo a common theme: the call to discipleship and the urgency of our response.

In the book of Jonah, we encounter a reluctant prophet who eventually heeds God's call to proclaim a message of repentance to the people of Nineveh. The response of the Ninevites is swift and transformative. Their collective conversion highlights the power of repentance and God's readiness to forgive. It challenges us to reflect on our own willingness to be agents of God's mercy in the world.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, reminds us of the transient nature of this world. "The world in its present form is passing away," he declares. This reality urges us to evaluate our priorities and detach ourselves from the allure of worldly concerns. It invites us to live with an eternal perspective, recognizing the brevity of our time on this earth.

In Mark's Gospel, we witness the beginning of Jesus' public ministry by the Sea of Galilee. He calls Simon,

Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, promising to make them fishers of people. The immediacy of their response is striking. They leave their nets and embark on a transformative journey with Jesus. This moment exemplifies the essence of discipleship - a prompt and wholehearted response to the call of Christ.

Are we, like Jonah, sometimes hesitant or resistant to proclaim God's message of love and mercy?

Dear sisters and brothers, the call to discipleship is not a one-time event but a continual invitation to align our lives with the teachings of Christ. As we navigate the ordinary moments of our lives, let us respond with the urgency and wholeheartedness of the disciples by the Sea of Galilee. May we leave behind whatever may hinder us, casting our nets into the deep waters of faith, hope, and love.

In doing so, we participate in the ongoing narrative of God's transformative love for the world. May this Sunday inspire us to heed the call of discipleship with renewed vigour and commitment. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

GENTLE REMINDER FOR A SACRED WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we gather in prayer and worship during the Holy Mass, we kindly request your cooperation in maintaining a sacred and reverent atmosphere. Please take note of the following reminders:

1. **Silent Phones:** Prioritize a distraction-free environment by placing your mobile phones on silent mode during the Holy Mass.
2. **Silence in the Church:** To honour the sanctity of the Mass, we encourage everyone to maintain a quiet and contemplative atmosphere within the church. This fosters an environment conducive to prayer and reflection.
3. **Stay Until the End:** As a sign of unity and respect for the entire worshipping community, we kindly request that you remain until the Final Song has concluded.

Your mindful observance of these reminders contributes to the solemnity of our worship experience. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to fostering a sacred space for all. REMINDERS!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran .P.P

What's on at St. Damian's Parish & beyond. . .

MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST TO PARISHIONERS & CONTRIBUTORS

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the New Year, 2024, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a year brimming with peace, love, happiness, and good health. With immense gratitude, I wish to thank you and your families for your generous response to our Thanksgiving Programme, fortifying the endeavours of our St. Damian's parish.

The consistent contributions from parishioners have been an incredible support, ensuring the continued upkeep and advancement of St. Damian's. A special note of gratitude extends to those new to our parish, pledging their support for the first time. Your contributions hold immense value for us.

As you know, the vitality of our parish hinges on the financial backing of all parishioners. Every contribution, regardless of its amount, holds significance and is deeply appreciated. Your ongoing support enables us to meet crucial expenses, including our quarterly loan & interest payments of almost \$16,000 to the Catholic Development Fund. This loan, initially borrowed about 4 years ago for the extension of the Parish Office and renovation of the Parish House, spans a 12-year repayment. Additionally, monthly payments for our Secretary, Bookkeeper, Sacramental Coordinator, totalling nearly \$3,000, alongside bills for utilities and maintenance costs, form an essential part of our expenses.

Enclosed, you will find the new series of Thanksgiving Envelopes for the period from January 28 to July 26, 2024. For those requiring their own statement, please contact our Parish Office at 94672797 or email: Bundoora@cam.org.au

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I extend heartfelt appreciation for your support in propelling our parish's vision for the future. Your financial assistance allows us to continue nurturing a community founded on love, care, and mutual support, while providing opportunities for worship and education for our children.

May the lingering spirit of Christmas encompass you and your loved ones, forever embraced by God's enduring love.

Warm regards,

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

World Day of Prayer 2024

Theme this year:

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE

'I beg you...bear with one another in love'

Saturday 2nd March at 10:30am

St Damian's Parish

5 settlement Road, Bundoora

Followed by a light lunch and Tea and Coffee
in the Dunlop Room

PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are able to help with deliveries to your neighbours. Thank you!

Rosters for Counters, Readers &

Eucharistic Ministers 2024

We would like to thank everyone who has prepared the New Rosters. The new rosters will start in February, they are ready to be collected at the back of the Church. Thank you to all our Volunteers for your assistance.

INTRODUCING THE CDF SMART TERMINAL FOR EASY DONATIONS

Donation Point

Smart Terminal



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to share with you a convenient way to make contributions to our Catholic Development Fund (CDF) through the newly installed CDF Smart Terminal in our church.

The Smart Terminal, known as 'Quest QT850' with a Donation Point Tap application, is located on your left-hand side as you enter the church. Making a donation is now simpler than ever:

1. Select a preset donation amount – options include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, etc.
2. Choose your desired donation amount.
3. Input the selected amount (up to \$99.00).
4. Confirm, and it's done!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact either Fr. Joe Dong or the Parish Office. Your generous contributions play a vital role in supporting our parish community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

God Bless

Sacraments Program 2024

22nd January(Monday) 1.00pm to 2.00 pm,
enrolments in the Dunlop Room.

31st January- 20th March: Reconciliation Classes

17th April- 12th June Confirmation Classes

July 17–September 4 : Eucharist Classes

All classes are scheduled every Wednesday at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room.

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office 9467 2797.

Andrea Groom : Sacramental Co- Ordinator

Vinnies Thank you

Vinnies would like to thank the Parishioners at St Damian's for your very generous effort for our Christmas Appeal. The money received has been used to help the many struggling families in Bundoora. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Many Thanks , the Vinnies Team.

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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