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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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19th November 2023

READING

Prov 31:10-13
1 Thess 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

NEXT WEEK

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26,28
Mt 25:31-46

PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 20th November: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary.
Wed 22nd November: St Cecilia
Fri 24th November: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries : Cirillo Caon, Kenneth Bartlett, Adam Smith, Ross Pannuzzo, Maria Matino, Anna, Paul, Peter, Lorenzo, Lucia Simon, Antonio Toscano, Anna Khuat Thi Duong, Aniela Guzowski

Sick:: Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Gloria Franco, Luisa Valente, Rosa Diez

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 the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

As we come closer to the end of this liturgical year A, the mother church encourages us to remain faithful and dedicated to Christ our head. As good servants, we must be devoted to Him. Also, we must be ready to render full account of our talents to Him.

Our first reading is from the Book of proverbs. The virtuous woman radiates as a bright star. The term virtuous simply refers to strength, efficiency, or ability. She is good, faithful, and knows what to do to keep her family together. As it goes: “she holds out her hand to the needy.”

In the second reading, St. Paul presents to us a description of the conduct expected from a child of the light. He reminds us of the Lord’s Day. According to him, one of the most significant characteristics of this “Day” is that it would be sudden:

“It is when people are saying, ‘how quiet and peaceful it is that the worst suddenly happens...”

Paul’s call is a call to readiness and to live with eternity’s values in mind. If we do, we will certainly enjoy a better life than those who compromise with the world. We are therefore to live like soldiers in active service, and like the virtuous woman working to please her husband and children.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talent to equally remind us that we must be ready to render a good account of our talents. God has endowed each one of us with different talents. Each, according to our various capacities. So, as faithful servants, he expects to render a good account of the “talents” we have received.

Jesus challenges us to be prudent and productive with our talents. Most importantly, he admonishes us to live in anticipation of His inevitable return. We must not wait for this return in idleness. Rather, we must be active and industrious with the talents we have received. So, we must use our talents to the glory of God.

As trustworthy servants, we should avoid indifference, apathy, licentiousness, sloth, complacency towards our mission. These will not fetch us any reward from Christ. If we are faithful and productive with the talents we have received, Christ our head will also say to us: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 25th & 26th November 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers...
5.30pm	P. Cosgrove D. Whyley	C. Ho M. Jones M. Kanniah	J. Barone	B. Keating T. Garcia	Please gather
8.00am	M. Thavarajah V. Dalla-Vecchia	A. Dalla-Vecchia J. Fellowes I. Thavarajah	A. Brammer	Supervisor M. Jones	together in the
10.00am	J. Venturini B. Walter	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	L. Careri	 Ministries	Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that

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SAVE THE DATE

1. Thursday 7th December : Healing Mass at 9.15am , Cuppa in Dunlop Room afterwards.
2. Friday 8th December: Thanksgiving Mass for All Volunteers, 7:00pm. Please RSVP Parish Office if you are attending the refreshments after Mass for catering purposes.

LEAVING COLLECTION: This weekend we are having leaving collection for Catholic Deaf . Thank you for your generosity!

Remembrance Mass

Dear Friends in the Risen Lord,

Jesus said to his disciples and to us, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes*

in me will live, even after dying." Jn 11: 25

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families. I'd like to extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join our St. Damian Community for a special Eucharistic celebration in loving remembrance of all those who have departed from us in the last twelve months, as well as those whose funerals were held at St. Damian's Parish.

This meaningful Remembrance Mass is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, 22nd November, at 7:00 pm**. Following the Mass, we will gather in the Dunlop Room for a light cuppa. This will be a time for reflection, prayer, and the comforting presence of our community.

We also extend an invitation to join us for a light supper after the Remembrance Mass. The

Dunlop Room will be adorned with chocolates, biscuits, tea, and coffee. If you would like, you are welcome to bring your own plate to share with one another.

To assist us in preparing for this event, kindly inform our Parish Office of your attendance.

You can reach us by calling 9467 2797 or via email at bundoora@cam.org.au. Please let us

know whether you will be joining us for the Holy Mass and the supper afterward, and the number of people who will be attending. Let us join together as a community to support the families of the departed. Your presence

will be a source of comfort and strength during this time of remembrance.

Your prompt reply is much appreciated.

With warmest wishes and blessings,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran. P. P

BAPTISM



This weekend , we welcome into the family of St Damian's , Akira Bui, Cora Baude are being baptised. May God keep their families always in his love.

ADVENT RETREAT ON DECEMBER 9, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,



I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of you for a **full-day Advent Retreat taking place on December 9, 2023**, right here in our parish. The retreat will run from 10 am to 4 pm and promises to be a day of spiritual enrichment and reflection.

Our theme for this special day is **"Mary's Yes to God's Call."** Led by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office, the retreat will encompass various elements such as Praise & Worship, insightful Talks, moments for Reflection, enriching Discussion, and an opportunity for Sharing.

The parish will be providing Morning Tea and lunch, ensuring a nourishing and enjoyable day for everyone attending. I encourage you to mark this date in your diary and extend this invitation to your friends and families. It would be wonderful to commence our Advent journey by spending precious time in the company of Mary, reflecting on her unwavering faith and willingness to answer God's call.

Your presence will truly enrich this event, fostering a sense of community and shared spiritual growth. I eagerly anticipate meeting and sharing this meaningful day with each one of you.

With warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran. P.P

Healing Mass

@. Thursday 7th December: Healing Mass at 9.15am, followed by the morning tea in Dunlop Room.



Advent Gospel Reflection Meetings!

Dear Friends, you are cordially invited to join me for a special series of Advent Gospel Reflection Meetings led by Fr. Joe Dong. These reflective gatherings will take place **every Wednesday during the Advent Season, immediately following the Evening Mass at 7 PM**. (Please note there will be **NO NOVENA** during this time.) I'm looking forward to sharing this insightful journey with you. God bless!



Please Support our Mission Lunch to support Phillipine Mission of Pastorelle Sisters.

Saturday 2nd December
Dunlop Room, St Damian's Parish Bundoora
Tickets: \$30 each

PH: Grace: 0452377115

Joy: 0414787755

THE PIETY SHOP

Many beautiful Nativities are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards in packets of five, eight or ten. Also in stock is the 2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10.00. The calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends, and helps to support the missionaries. Thank you.

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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