

ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI CATHOLIC PARISH

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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
12th and 13th April 2025

St Damien's welcomes pilgrims during the Jubilee of Hope 2025.



Our Parish Mission Statement

We are Catholics who seek to worship together and support each other in a Parish Community, to enliven our faith and reach out to others in Christian love. Strengthened by the Word, nourished by the Eucharist, inspired by the life of St Damien, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we give glory to God and strive for the salvation of all.

PARISH LEADERSHIP ROLES

Fr Christian Saminal OSJ - Parish Priest
Dan Gooch - Principal (SDCPS)
Tanya Caspani - Parish Office Administrator
Paul Beziec - Parish Pastoral Council, Chair
Erica Evans - Finance Committee, Chair
Alison Amour - Worship (Liturgy Committee)
Sorina McKay - Evangelisation & Education
Yvonne Wohler - Social Apostolate & Outreach
Alicia Sun & Peter Eves - Youth & Family Ministry
Adrian Wells - Safeguarding Officer

I make myself a leper with the
lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ.

St Damien of Molokai

5 Pillars of Parish Mission

W.E.S.T.Y.

Worship, Evangelisation, Social Apostolate & Outreach,
Temporalities, Youth and Family Ministry

Reflections on Reading

Following Him to the Cross

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matthew 27:51-52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

For the Gospel, please check the separate sheet:

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23.1-49

Reflection after Communion

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As we do, turn our eyes to the King Whom we worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit ourselves to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in our commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that we will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place. Amen.



Legion of Mary

"All legionaries profess a love for God – it's the purpose and of their membership."

(An extract from Inside the Legion of Mary – Rev. Francis J. Peffley)

We remember them in our prayers.



*For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
- Matthew 18:20*

Prayers for members of our Parish family who are suffering illness at this time and need your support:

John Carter, Mary Martin, Pauline Pugh, Gloria & Peter
Dudley, Rob Mackenzie, Yvonne Casello,
Maria Carvalho, John Pannell, Dick & Jan Walker,
Grant Burke, Lesley Cornelius, Rick Lundberg,
Alan and Linda Wenlock, Alex Barbetti, Ian Bickerton,
Roger Hawke, Nicoli Casella, John Van De Ven,
Chris Van De Ven, Davica McDermott, Steve Schaper,
Patricia Santos, Dennise Hennessy, Colm Kelly,
Bernie Carlson, Peter Brown, Di Moore, Simon Farrell,
John Starceovich, Janina Parker, Bruce Gates,
McAlinden Family, Leanne Broomfield, Teresa Kingdon,
Tony Dwyer, Tahlia Garner, Max Gardener,
Shane Dowell, Greg Seeber, the Comple Family, Bob
Sullivan and Fr Arnel Hosena, OSJ

Recent and Anniversary of Death:

*Caroline Coningsby, Giovanni Leuzzi, Jayne Marie
Yeow, Giovanni Palumbo*

*If you have any prayer intention that you would like the whole
congregation to pray for, or you have any update regarding your
information here, please do not hesitate to contact our Parish*



Prayer for the week

*Most glorious King, You were fittingly
worshiped and adored as You entered
Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I
commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I
pray that I will honour and love You, not only when
it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never
allow fear to deter me from my love of You and
follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your
Cross. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen*

PARISH HOME VISITATION

Dear Parishioners,

I take great pleasure in
visiting our cherished
parishioners, both new and
long-standing, to foster
personal connections with
you and your family.
This allows us to better
understand how we can
enhance our Church's
pastoral care services to
better support you in your
journey.

A letter from me is
available for pickup in the
narthex. I kindly encourage
you to take one for
yourself and your family.
Likewise, if you know of
anyone who might benefit
from this message, please
consider sharing additional
copies with them.

I look forward to your
thoughtful response and
appreciate your
engagement in our parish
community!

Kind regards,
Fr Chris, OSJ

CENTRE FOR PASTORAL CARE, HEALING & WELLBEING



If need extra support,
please do not hesitate to
contact us. We are happy
to support and help you.

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ST DAMIENS CPS NEWS

This week we celebrated the first sacrament of the year in the parish, First Reconciliation. Fr George, parish priest from Waroona, joined us for a beautiful evening of love and forgiveness. A special thanks to Fr Chris for leading the faith journey of the families.



As our first term ends, we wish everyone a happy, joyous and blessed Easter.

Peter Hazebroek
Assistant Principal



UPCOMING PARISH CALENDER

11th April	Friday	09:00AM	Palms-Cross Making at the Church Overflow
	Friday	06:00PM	Station of the Cross in the Church
14th April	Monday	06:00PM	Community Celebration: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
13th –20th	April	HOLY WEEK	Celebration (please check the Parish Calendar)
25th April	Friday	09:00AM	ANZAC Celebration with Gun Fire Breakfast
26th Apr	Saturday	01:00PM	Baptism—Balat Family
28th until 2	May – Fr Chris' Easter Break		
4th May	Sunday	08:30AM	Mass
4th May	Sunday	10 –1PM	St Damiens Feast Community Fun Day

International Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Day - 23 April 2025



The Centre for Pastoral Care, Healing and Wellbeing acknowledges the importance of this day as an opportunity to raise awareness that infants, children and adolescents are as vulnerable to mental health difficulties as adults.

Many are impacted by family breakdown, grief and loss of parents, grandparents or pets, bullying, abuse and suicide, health issues as well as natural disasters.

As Parents, Grandparents and Carers, we highly encourage you to actively listen to them and be involved in their lives. You are then more likely able to recognize the signs that may indicate that your loved one is struggling.

Symptoms include aggressive behaviour, sleeping problems, difficulties coping with everyday activities, and looking sad and tearful among others.

**If you or someone you care about have any concerns,
Please contact us on 08 9582 3502 for a confidential chat.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY—17TH APRIL 2025

All volunteers of various ministries are invited to attend Mass **Thursday 17th April at 7pm**, to take part in the annual Recommitment to Ministry.



Fr Chris is also including the symbolic act of foot washing, where he will wash the feet of members of the congregation, emphasizing love and service.

Remember that Maundy Thursday initiates the Great Three Days, leading us from the supper table to the cross and ultimately to Easter dawn.

RCIA CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our 11 elect who have successfully completed their Period of Purification and Enlightenment through the three stages of Scrutinies.

As they journey closer to full acceptance into the Catholic faith, please join us in keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to celebrating their commitment at the **Easter Vigil Mass on April 19th at 7 PM**, a moment that promises to be both profound and moving.

SAVE THE DATE!



Likewise, we are looking for volunteers who would be able to help and assist during this event. If interested, please contact the parish office or talk to Fr Chris, Tanya Caspani or Erica Evans.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS can be made to:

Name: Dawesville Parish
(CDF 4010271 S41)

BSB: 086-006

A/c #: 848378975

Bank: NAB

Ref: A/c 84837-8975-95

Description: (Your Name)

**Would like to donate
but do not have cash?**

Tap & Give in the narthex is
available for your convenience.

WEEKLY COLLECTION CHURCH OFFERING

Date Range 04/04/25—10/04/25

1st Collection	\$	942.40
2nd Collection	\$	453.50
Tap & Give	\$	227.00
Direct Deposit	\$	632.57
Planned Giving	\$	20.00
Total Weekly Giving	\$	2275.41

**Thank you so much for your generosity.
God bless you!**

*The miracle of giving is that it ripples.
Your one small gesture can affect
hundreds.*

PLEASE NOTE: All donations that we receive go towards the operation of our Parish here in Dawesville. All donations are accounted for and recorded and all support you give extends our opportunity to provide more services and resources to our Parish community.
Please give generously to support our parish mission and apostolates.

Weekend Masses Roster

	Sat 12th	Sun 13th	Sat 19th	Sun 20th
Acolyte	Gerry	Erman		
Altar Server	Phoebe	Maria	EASTER	ROSTER
EMHC	Rosie	Mary & Teresa	PROVIDED	BY
Commentator	Patricia S	Mary M	YOUR	MINISTRY
Reader	Pretty P	???	LEADER	
Greeters	Tony M	Glen & Janina		
Children's Liturgy		Sorina		
Music	Alison	Bep		
Flowers	Joanne			
Pilgrim Statue		Mary M		
Church Cleaning		Clayton Family		
Morning Tea		Legion of Mary		



Mass Schedules

Wed & Thursday 5 PM
 Friday
 Holy Hour 11AM
 Mass 12PM
 Saturday 6 PM
 Sunday 8:30 AM
 5:00PM

- Healing Mass, every First Friday of the month.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation, every Saturday at 5 PM.



Next Weeks Readings

Sunday of the RESURRECTION
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1ST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *This is the day the Lord has made;
 Let us rejoice and be glad.*

2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12