

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus

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Damascus Parish is a welcoming and inclusive community that is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Damascus Parish acknowledges the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St Christopher's Church

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday 9.30am Mass

St Therese Church

Sunday 9am Mass
Sunday 5pm Mass
Wednesday 9am Rosary
Wednesday 9.30am Mass
Friday 9am Rosary
9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 10.30am Rosary
Sunday 11am Mass
Thursday 9.30am

CONFESSION

St Christophers Church

Saturday 5.30pm–6pm

Nazareth Church

Sunday 10.30am–11am

St Therese Church

Sunday 4.30 pm–5pm

HOME VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communion or a home visit please make contact with the parish office: 9412 8444



A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.



Corpus Christi celebrated across Melbourne

More than 5,000 Catholics gathered in Melbourne on Sunday 7 June for the annual Corpus Christi Procession, publicly witnessing to their faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Beginning at St Patrick's Cathedral, the faithful joined Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, auxiliary bishops, clergy, religious and lay faithful in prayer, song and adoration as the Blessed Sacrament was carried through the heart of Melbourne to Federation Square. In his homily, Archbishop Comensoli reminded those gathered that the Eucharist is at the very heart of Christian life and mission. He encouraged participants to see the procession as a public act of hope, carrying Christ into places marked by anxiety, suffering and need.

The procession, led by a bagpiper playing Amazing Grace, travelled through Melbourne's CBD, passing landmarks including Parliament House, Melbourne Town Hall and Flinders Street Station. Along the way, prayers, hymns and moments of reflection invited both participants and onlookers to encounter the love of Christ. Many curious pedestrians were offered cards bearing the message, "You are not alone. God walks with you."

The event concluded at Federation Square with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, where thousands joined together in prayer and praise. The joyful witness of so many Catholics served as a powerful reminder that Christ continues to walk with His people and calls us to bring His presence into the world.

Source: Melbourne Catholic, "Joy fills the hearts of thousands at Corpus Christi procession", 8 June 2026.



First Holy Communion This Weekend

This weekend we welcome the Year 4 students from two of our parish primary schools as they celebrate their First Holy Communion.

Over recent months the students have been preparing for this important milestone with the support of their families, teachers and parish community. We congratulate all the children and thank those who have assisted them throughout their preparation.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this special occasion.



SVDP Winter Appeal

As we step into winter, our thoughts turn to those for whom housing, food, bedding, petrol and finances may be increasingly difficult. As a parish we will be holding a St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal on the weekend of June 13/14th at Anglesea, Torquay and Grovedale masses.

There are a variety of ways you may be able to offer your support. There will be envelopes in the foyer if you would like to take and fill in the form with bank details; along with plate collections at each Mass for cash, forms or gift cards. Blankets may be left in the Box provided.

Phone donations: 13 18 12 [For a tax-deductible receipt please provide full name, contact number, email and postal address details.]

Online donations: www.vinnies.org.au/vic [Receipts automatically emailed to donors]. Direct Deposit: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund BSB: 063 000 Account No: 1060 7556 Reference: W26 + Donor Name [To obtain a tax-receipt email donation@svdp-vic.org.au]

With thanks, Beth and Bob on behalf of Torquay and Grovedale SVDP conferences.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

First Reading:

Exodus 19:2-6

Responsorial

Psalm:

We are his people:
the sheep of his
flock.

Second Reading:

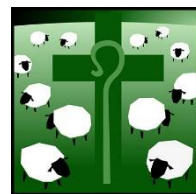
Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8



Daily Readings

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time:

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Rosie Armitage

*Our thoughts are with those who
are unwell at this time.*

Please [submit a
consent form](#) to
have a loved one
prayed for.



Parish Presbytery

For any urgent pastoral need
outside of office hours please call
the presbytery on 9412 8443

Office Hours

Our hours are: **Tuesday - Friday,
9am - 3pm. Closed Public
Holidays**

Outside of these hours, please
leave a message and one of the
staff will contact you when they
are next in the office.

Bulletin Notices

Please submit them by Thursday
mornings.

Sign up to receive the weekly
bulletin via email by visiting our
website damascusparish.com.au

The new Stewardship Envelopes for the upcoming quarter have now been distributed. We are delighted that these envelopes now feature the new Damascus Parish name, reflecting the completion of our parish rebranding. Thank you to all parishioners who faithfully support our parish through the Stewardship Program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference to the life of our parish. If you have not received your envelopes, or if you would like to review or discuss your current pledge, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to assist and can be reached in the parish office from Wednesday to Friday. ~ Melissa

REACH Vietnam - After our recent visit to the nuns and girls, and the report published two weeks ago, the following letter has come from Sr Nhung with more information about the start of rebuilding of the girls' toilets/bathrooms.

4 June 2026, Hi Joe, I am very happy and grateful to God for the Parish delegation's meeting with the children in early May. I thank God for your safe trip home. I'm very happy and overjoyed for everything we and the children received during the delegation's recent visit. As you also mentioned in the email about the support for the toilet & bathroom reconstruction, it's beyond our dreams for receiving this help. On Saturday, 6 June 2026, the builder will commence construction of the toilet, I will take pictures during the process and share them with the Parish. I also understand that the \$3000 payment excess will be deducted from the food and I completely agree with that. Once again, I sincerely thank you and everyone in the Parish for accompanying the children over the years. Wishing Father Joel, yourself and everyone in the Parish good health and peace. Sr. Maria Ho Thi Cam Nhung.

Acacia Passionists family group - Grovedale

Our next gathering will be a BYO Fish & Chips (or your own choice) Luncheon with the theme "Stories of the Past."

Date: Thursday 18 June

Time: 12:30 pm

Venue: 80 Rossack Drive, Waurin Ponds

Come along for a relaxed afternoon of friendship, conversation, and shared memories. New members are most welcome. Please RSVP to Jenny on 0447 280 067 by 16 June.