

Damascus Parish Bulletin

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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
Friday 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



Synodality and hope

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness.



Dear Parishioners,

Well, what a Grand Final! One of the best in recent history. Hardly fought, not many free kicks and a comeback for the ages. No team deserved to lose in the end, but in the end one team has to. Happy are those who didn't care who won the grand final but just wanted to see a close game: they would be satisfied.

One of the big controversies and talking points from the game is the now infamous 'Wharfie Time'. Exactly what the playing of the bell by the Dockers is meant to mark nobody seems to know exactly. It certainly excites the crowd and gets them making some noise, which ostensibly is a good thing. For the most part, it seems to get played in the last quarter when the Dockers are in front and assured of winning the game. I don't think this time was any different. After the goal and wild celebration from Patrick Voss, Freo had got out to a 17 point lead with 4 minutes to play. All their momentum was with them. The live betting market had them paying \$1.01 for the victory. The premiership was all but theirs.

Well, the Brisbane Lions had their own plans. They anticipated this scenario and were decided that if the button was ever hit for 'wharfie time' they would use it as inspiration to go to another level and hit back. And hit back they did. They went on to kick the next 4 goals, Freo wouldn't score another point and the rest is history.

The Fremantle football club played down the controversy, stating that 'wharfie time' had no effect on the result. Well, it certainly effected Brisbane so that argument doesn't hold. You don't need to be an expert in psychology to know that we humans are creatures of habit and our response to events is very much conditioned. For Fremantle, 'wharfie time' was made synonymous with victory. The Fremantle football club can spin this however they want, but I have no doubt in my mind that after that bell rang out they dropped their intensity and lost their game sense. And it cost them the flag.

Brisbane still had to play some of the best few minutes of football you will see to win the game. Coach Chris Fagan still can't believe how they got up. They are a champion team and he is a champion coach. I think it is quite fitting that he decided to step down as head coach from the very top. God bless him.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.



CELEBRATING
40
YEARS OF
St Therese School

You're Invited

We are excited to invite all current and past families and staff to join us at this celebration.

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026
PAST & CURRENT FAMILIES AND STAFF

  	9.30AM MASS 11.15AM – 12.50PM OPEN DAY 2.15PM ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL	Join us for Mass in the school hall. All are welcome. Visit classrooms and explore our school. A wonderful opportunity to reconnect, look back and see what's new! In the afternoon, join us for an assembly in the hall featuring guest speakers and student presentations.
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☕ *Morning tea will be supplied on the day.*

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026
OFFSITE CELEBRATION FOR ADULTS



7.00PM
TORQUAY BOWLS CLUB

Tickets are now available
<https://www.trybooking.com/DOXED>

We invite you to join us for an evening of celebration, connection and memories.

- ♥ Finger food included.
- ♥ There will be a DJ and a band to entertain us.
- ♥ All current and past staff and parents are invited.

