



# St Mary's Parish

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*"Though many we are one."  
One in faith and one in the  
Gospel values  
of hospitality and welcome,  
compassion and justice.*

### Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for Government School Students

After School Religious Education classes for Reconciliation and First Communion will begin on Wednesday 6th September in the Back Meeting Room at 4pm. Confirmation classes will commence end of April. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office

Billings LIFE - Leaders in Fertility Education - Teacher Training Program for health professionals and others interested in women's health in Melbourne.

Venue: Billings LIFE, East Burwood Date: 27th and 28th March 2017.

For more information 1800335860 <http://billings.life/en/for-health-professionals-2.html> and look under Seminars.

Website [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life) Click on online shop for books, resources, educational materials, brochures, and ebooks - many available as free downloads.

The winner of the Lucky Numbers draw at the Car Boot Sale was  
**Barbara Webb. Congratulations!**

FORUM FOR PARISHES: STRENGTHENING ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE SUPPORT Saturday 18 March, 9.30am-12.30pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street (corner Lansdowne Street), East Melbourne People seeking asylum continue to need our support. Many thousands in the community and in detention are living in Australia in fear, poverty and uncertainty. Many more are detained on Nauru and Manus Island, with others 'free' but with nowhere to go. Self-harm, suicide and death are common. Recent humanitarian family arrivals from Syria need our support. The forum will focus on current issues and what parishes can do to help.

Cost: \$20 (includes refreshments and resources). Bookings: Trybooking on [www.trybooking.com/ONOD](http://www.trybooking.com/ONOD) by 8 March

Dr Wolfelt speaks to the heart of all who hear him and we warmly welcome you to join us for this insightful session.

### Understanding Grief Touchstones for Hope and Healing

Monday 20 March 2017  
2.45 for 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Centre for Care and Wellbeing  
Springvale Botanical Cemetery

SMCT is honoured to provide this complimentary opportunity, however we anticipate that there will be great interest, so please ensure you RSVP to secure your place. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday 3 March 2017,  
please contact us on 03 8523 1624 or email [pe-trina.stratoudakis@smct.org.au](mailto:pe-trina.stratoudakis@smct.org.au)

### Parish Calendar 2017

18th-24th March	Parish Mission (Ray Sanchez)
28th March	Outreach Meeting 7pm
29th March	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm



## From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

The Word of God this Sunday we are presented with the scene of the Transfiguration of Jesus from Saint Matthew's Gospel. It was a special moment for Peter, James and John to witness Jesus in a moment of heavenly glory.

We still can witness the Body of Christ Transfigured today, and lets face it we all need to witness how the Body of Christ can transfigure the world around us. All we need to do is open our eyes of faith and see how the likes of Caritas Australia can change the lives of those they minister too. The early Church Father Saint John Chrysostum "The glory of God is man fully alive!" .... That is Transfiguration and through Project Compassion we can transfigure the lives of many.

Fr. D

\* Stations of the Cross for the season of Lent every Friday evening at 7 pm.

### Thank You

A big thank you to Helen Anderson for all her hard work in organising the Car Boot Sale. Thank you too to our parishioners who ran the bbq or who donated their time and goods.

Also, thank you to the parishioners who came along to be part of the day. We raised \$1200.00 for St Mary's Church Building Fund.

### Guided Imagery Meditation

Join us each Wednesday between 2.30-3pm (excluding public and school holidays) And take the opportunity to relax and focus On your life and its sacred meaning. Enjoy this time just for you.

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

When: Wednesday 2.30-3pm

Followed by a cuppa 3-4pm

A gold coin is welcome

Details: Call Trish or Jo 9791 8664



PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Declan O'Brien  
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottliebson  
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker  
FINANCE OFFICER: Ms Josie Ferarro  
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren  
CENTRE MANAGER: Ms Sue Findlay  
CATECHETICS CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Marilyn Cuddihy

PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday to Friday : 9.00am-3.00pm

New Parishioners Book: If you are a new parishioner to St Mary's, could you please sign our Parishioners Book in the church foyer.

If you urgently need a priest please call 9791 4611, if Father does not answer, please leave a message and he will call you back.

### WEEKEND MASS TIME

Saturday Morning: 9.00am  
Saturday Evening: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

### WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Monday: 9.00am (Word and Communion)  
Tuesday: 9.00am (Except during School Terms mass will be 9.15am)  
Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00am  
Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)  
Friday: 11.00am (Followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm(Benediction)  
(Last Friday of every month Anointing Mass)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm before 6pm Mass or upon request

### BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

### MARRIAGE

Please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue. As marriage preparation is an essential condition of marriage, you must book your preparation course at least 4 months prior to the wedding. Further details can be obtained from Fr. O'Brien.

St. Mary's Primary School Phone: 9791 7650  
New St, Dandenong.  
Principal: Mr. Greg White  
St. John's Regional College Phone 9791 3366  
Caroline St, Dandenong.  
Principal: Timothy Hogan  
St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884

### St Mary's Outreach Group

This group reaches out to our new parishioners and anyone in our parish who needs a visit.

They meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Fellowship room.

Anyone who is interested in joining this group, or who knows of someone in our parish who may need a visit, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

*"Mine is the face with which he smiles,  
smiles a welcome to this world.  
Mine is the heart with which he loves,  
loves all people in this world."*

St. Teresa's Prayer

### The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

3rd Wednesday: Friendship Club  
lunch at Dandenong RSL

1st Sunday: Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's  
(Commencing February)

3rd Sunday: Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass

Youth Group after 5.30 Mass

4th Sunday: Baptism at 10.30 Mass

\*The Open Door is part of the St John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

### This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Margaret Zombor, Kath Collins, Fay Whetton, Elizabeth Dowell

Anniversaries: Angelo John Pulle, Jovito Sr and Miguela Villarente

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Angie Calabarakis, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Francis Lesoy, Maria Koreti Manutai, Bertha Martens, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonca.

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.

### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1400.50

Presbytery: \$ 415.20

Loose money: \$ 1418.60

If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Franca or Maree at the Parish office on 9791-4611 to make a booking with either Father Declan or Deacon George.

Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

