



# St Mary's Parish

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*"The Parish of Saint Mary's is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults".*

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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Declan O'Brien  
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottlieb  
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker  
FINANCE OFFICER: Ms Josie Ferarro  
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren  
CENTRE MANAGER: Mr. Miguel Matamala  
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



## From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

Parishioners may have noticed that earthworks have commenced to repair/replace the stormwater pipes in the garden surrounding the western portion of the Church. These works are being undertaken by John Kelly Plumbing in accordance with a Structural Engineers Directive to address extend brickwork cracking and damage rectification at the south west corner of the church through regrowing larger vegetation within 3 metres of the foundations and re-establishing an equilibrium watering moisture regime. This may allow settlements to be slowly reversed and result in external cracking closing up. Planting with new drought tolerant plants will follow. The cost of these works were included in the original Church Rebuilding Project budget approved by Archbishop Hart on 6th March 2018.

Our Solar Photovoltaic Panel System containing 58 panels started generating electricity for use in the Parish Centre on Friday 4th August 2017. The project cost \$30,000 to install with a grant of \$15,000 having been received under the Federal Governments Solar Communities Programme.

It is anticipated that the payback period is less than 4 years.

The Parish would like to thank Helen Kroger the then Federal Candidate for Bruce and the Hon. Greg Hunt MP the then Minister for the Environment for their assistance in gaining this grant and to parishioner Frank Holohan and John Kelly for initiating the request.

### Collection for Father Declan's Farewell

If you are wishing to donate to Father Declan's farewell you can do this by enclosing donation in an envelope (some available in foyer) write "Father Declan's Farewell" on the outside and then deposit in collection bag at mass. Thank you. Kathy

### Heavenly Father,

*We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
We ask that you may grant them the grace to endure their trials and receive the reward of their faithfulness.  
Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.  
We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.  
May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.  
We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.  
We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!*

### Eucharist as meal (Part 4)

We can see that the deeper understanding of the meal highlights several important points.

1. Forgiveness and reconciliation are implied by the fact that we are invited despite our weakness or unworthiness. We only have to accept the invitation. The chief means of reconciliation in the church is the Eucharist. We see it highlighted in the 'greeting of peace' where we extend the hand of friendship to those with whom we share, at the table of the Lord. We must be willing to extend the hand of friendship, forgiveness and outreach in the same spirit as Jesus. We are called to be ambassadors of Jesus and our ministry is one of reconciliation.
2. There is a sense of solidarity and fellowship that bind those at the same table. Baptism has brought us into a family. Jesus comes to forge new bonds that go beyond tribe or nation. In Jesus we have a deeper source of unity. This does not cover over human differences or conflicts, but transcends them. If our Eucharistic celebrations are to reflect the actuality of our lives, we must learn to extend our reach beyond all limits. Frequent sharing at the Lord's table should fill us with the range of Jesus's action. We cannot isolate ourselves into a comfort zone and feel no fellowship for those we may never meet. Each person is an image of God and brother or sister.

*This weekend is the CatholicCare Appeal. As our Catholic social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.*

### THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Tuesday, 15th August mass will be at 9.30am and all the children of St Mary's Primary School will also attend Mass on this day.



### St Mary's Youth Group

Sunday, 20th August 6.30-8.30pm  
Food & Drinks provided BYO friends

### 'Talks on... Spirituality' at The Open Door

*"A Courageous Leader in the Modern World: Pope Francis and His Vision"*  
Stancea Vichie MMS will be returning to The Open Door as the guest speaker at our next 'Talks on... Spirituality' evening: 30 August.  
Stancea is a member of the Missionary Sisters of Service, a community of Religious Women and the her previous talks have been on Human Trafficking. The topic of this talk is 'A Courageous Leader in the Modern World: Pope Francis and His Vision'. Stancea always shares in a relaxed and friendly manner and we are looking forward to hearing her.  
Don't forget to book early as places are limited.

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong  
When: Wednesday 30 August 2017 5.30-6.30pm  
Suggested donation: \$5  
Bookings essential: Call Trish or Jo 9791 8664



### Parish Calendar 2017

Tuesday, 15th August	Baptism Meeting
Tuesday, 22nd August	Outreach Meeting
16th & 17th Sept	Father Declan's Farewell

### 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:

**Anniversaries:** Peter McNamara, Locksley & Elaine Collins, Horace & Cynthia Rowland, Benson Roberts, Faye Whetton, Concordia Silvoza

**Sick:** Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Agapi Nicolaou, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lilly Tsim

*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: \$ 2558.00  
Presbytery: \$ 399.10  
Loose money: \$ 1475.95

*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.*

### 40 YEAR REUNION

Calling all former students who were at St John's from (Form 1/Yr7) to 1977 (Form 6/Yr12).

In 1997 we had some 130 students attend a 20 year reunion at The Dandenong Club.

On Saturday 11th November 2017 we hope to have the same again for our 40 year reunion. The Dandenong Club has again been booked (cost details to follow)

If you are interested in attending and/or being involved in event organisation please advise your email address/mobile phone number to one of the following.

- Anthony Hamilton (anthony.hamilton@siemens.com or 0438 058 328)
- Tim Evans (tiffy9@gmail.com or 0466 207 551)
- Hilary Jayamaha (h.jamma@gmail.com or 0423 475 935)

If you are in contact with other students from our year, please ensure they are also aware.