



# 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.*

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Declan O'Brien

**DEACON:** Rev. George Piech Meat

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Kathy Gottliebse

**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

*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

A Christian, a follower and disciple of Christ is supposed to be someone who tries to be a good witness to Christ in word and in deed. The first and great witness to Jesus in the gospel is John the Baptist, who showed him to people. But even John had to acknowledge that at first he didn't know who Jesus really was and that he had to be converted to learn who Jesus was and what he stood for. Only then could he become a firm witness.

What about us? Do we not have to better learn who Jesus is and what he means to us and to people, so that we can become closer to home and attract people to him?

Fr. D

### PUBLIC LECTURE: FROM MEGA CHURCH TO CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Tuesday 17 January 2017, 7-9pm**

**Cardinal Knox Centre, 393 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

Ulf Ekman founded 'Word of Life', a non-denominational charismatic church in Uppsala, Sweden and was its senior pastor for 30 years before he, along with his wife Birgitta, was received into the Catholic Church in 2014. He has founded bible schools and a seminary, hosted a TV show aired in many nations, and has written more than 40 books and booklets, translated into over 30 languages. In this public lecture, Ulf will tell us why and how he and his wife took this momentous step in their journey of faith. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

**Cost:** By donation.

**Details:** Lenyce on 9486 6544 or [centre@ccr.org.au](mailto:centre@ccr.org.au)

### Parish Calendar 2017

7th February 2017	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
18th-24th March	Parish Mission (Ray Sanchez)

### Important Notices



We have in the foyer a Prayer Intentions book, please feel free to write your prayer intentions in this book, your intentions will form part of the Offertory Procession at all our weekend Masses and the whole community will pray for you.

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Counters Rosters are now ready, you can collect them from the Parish Office

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All Readers and Eucharistic Ministers if you wish to stay on the rosters could you please mark off your names on the sheets in the foyer. If anyone else is interested in being on the Readers or Eucharistic Ministers Roster please write your name on the sheets.

Rosters will be ready by the end of January. Until the new rosters are completed, could you please continue to sign up at the mass you are attending if you are able to assist as either Reader or Eucharistic minister.

Invitation to various choirs to join in a Massed Choir for the St John's Opening School Mass on **Tuesday 14th February at 7pm** in the Bro Leo Scollen Stadium. Archbishop Hart will be the Principal Celebrant and during the Mass they will be commissioning the new school principal. Monica Nguyen and Maddi McNamara will be leading the Massed choir during the Mass.

Monday 13th February at 7.30 pm they will hold a combined rehearsal at St John's to ensure that all choirs are in unison. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested in participating.



### The Open Door Exploring Spirituality Today – a Centre for Creative Spirituality

Our workshops re-commence on **Monday 30 January 2017.**

We invite you to join us for some time for yourself to enjoy:

Meditations: Awareness/Centering Prayer/Guided

Imagery

Craft and Friendship Group

Art of Soul

Tai Chi

Book club

Luke's Gospel

Creative Cooking

Sing-a-long

'Talks on'... Spirituality

Card Making

Spirituality of Earth

Plus many more

Call either Trish or Jo on 9791 8664 for more information.

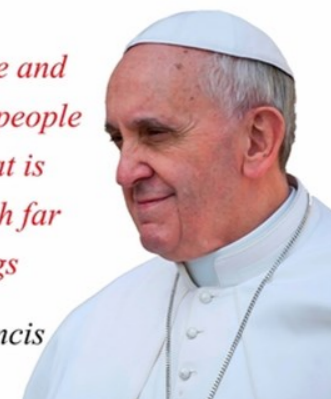
110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175.

*Most workshops are a suggested gold coin donation.*



*Things have a price and  
can be for sale, but people  
have a dignity that is  
priceless and worth far  
more than things*

*Pope Francis*



### 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

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### This weekend we pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Edna Madigan, David Walter

**Anniversaries:** Victor Holda, Angelica Reano, Dorothy Margaret King

**Sick:** Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Dawn Fredricks, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Angie Calabarkis, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan

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

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,191.00

Presbytery: \$ 342.45

Loose money: \$ 1,245.95

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*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.*



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*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.*

