



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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9.15 to 12 noon
Tue. Wed. Thurs. 9.15 to 4.15pm
Friday: 9.15 to 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. The church will be closed on Mondays after the word and communion service and rosary.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Evening: 7.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
English, 12.30pm Polish 7pm Malayalam

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: Word and Communion Service 9.00am
Tuesday, Mass 9.15 am
Wednesday, Thursday: Mass 9.00am
Thursday: Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am
Friday: Word and Communion Service 8.00am Mass at 11.00am

Saturday: Word and Communion Service 9.00 am 10th Jan onwards Mass in Malayalam
Reconciliation: 6 to 6.45pm Saturday or up-on request .

Baptism: Come to the 10.30am Mass on the second or fourth Sunday of the month and meet with Cate, to begin the reception process

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: Mr. Andrew Walsh
St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884
New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from www.stmarysdandenong.org

If you are going to Hospital and would like to be anointed please call Fr Declan 9791 4611



From the desk of the Parish Priest..... Father D

I heard somewhere that thanksgiving is the heart beat of prayer. I would go as far as to say that it is the heartbeat of human life. It does our heart good to be thanked for whatever we do! On this Sunday of Advent, I'd like to say thank you to all who give of their time, energy, talents, gifted ness in assisting in keeping our parish ticking over. All our efforts and hardwork keep this great parish going, as Parish Priest of Saint Mary's I thank you for your efforts and enthusiasm. These are fruits of your love for the Lord and indeed for Saint Mary's! **With that in mind you are invited to attend our "Thank you" BBQ in Saint Mary's Community Centre from mid day onwards today.**

And for anyone interested we are constantly looking for people to help out with various aspects of parish life... All help gratefully appreciated.

*****Please note Morning Mass next Wednesday will be at 9.15 am. The schoolchildren will be attending.*****

A message from St Vincent De Paul Society Dandenong: Vinnies Christmas Appeal BBQ Thank you for supporting the society last Sunday. All fundraising go straight to people in need. For those who donate gifts under the Christmas Tree: small labeled gifts, stationary or personal/gift packs for adults.

Friday Evenings of Advent **Walking the Rosary** 7pm St Mary's Church Fridays



Please support the Cardinal Knox village Raffle—Great prizes , all money raised goes towards resources for the life-style centre at Cardinal Knox. Tickets on sale after Mass



There is to be **NO PARKING** outside designated parking bays. Please allow yourself plenty of time to use street parking. There must be access **AT ALL TIMES** to emergency services...Ambulance, Police or Fire Brigade. **THERE ARE NO EXCEP-**



Christmas Carols Sunday 21st December 6.30 pm in the Church. Gold coin donation in aid of St Vincent De Paul All welcome

Piety Stall Sale : Calendars are \$9 and packs of cards starting from \$2.50



Any Altar servers wishing to serve at the Christmas Masses, please write your name on the up sheet in the foyer.
Thank you, Deacon George

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2014

Reconciliation: Thursday 11th December 7.00pm
Private Confession: Saturday 13th & 20th 6-6.45pm
Tuesday 23rd 7-8.30pm Wednesday 24th 10-11.30am

Christmas Carols Sunday 21st December 6.30 pm

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Vigil Mass 6.30pm and 10.30pm
Christmas Day Thursday 25th Mass 8.30am, 10.30am
Polish Mass 12.30pm

NO EVENING MASS

Friday 26th December Feast of St. Stephen Mass 11.00am
Saturday 27th December St. John the Evangelist Mass 9.00am
Mass at Cardinal Knox Mass 11.00am
Sunday 28th December Feast of the Holy Family
(Saturday vigil) 7.00pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm, 12.30pm Polish Mass 7pm Malayalam
Wednesday 31st December New Year's Eve
Word & Communion Service 9.00am
Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Thursday 1st January 2015 Feast of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day Mass 7am Malayalam 11.00am English

Mass during the Christmas & January Holidays: Mass times are as usual however Word and Communion Service may replace weekday Masses occasionally.

Break Open The Word Resources A number of Readers have asked if they can purchase the 2015 **Break Open the Word** book. If you wish to buy one, please let Cate know at a Sunday Mass or ring 9791 4611 in the coming weeks.

Today there will be a collection for the **Melbourne Overseas Mission**
Thank you for your generosity

Collections for last weekend...

Presbytery: \$1,235.00
Thanksgiving: \$1,528.00
Direct Debit weekly TBA
Total T/G Rec'd: TBA
Pledged weekly \$2,797.80
THANK YOU

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



2015
YEAR OF
CONSECRATED LIFE



From the Desk of the Pastoral Associate...
Please have a browse on our notice board, here are a few items that may be of interest to you...

- ◆ Thank you BBQ for Parish volunteers
- ◆ Christmas Timetable
- ◆ Walking Rosary 7 pm Friday
- ◆ St John's Uniform shop hours
- ◆ Youth Group December 14th Final Gathering
- ◆ St Mary's Carols evening

The Regulars:

Daily Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)

Meditation 2.30—3.30 (at The Open Door*)

Tuesdays: Centering Prayer 7-8pm (at The Open Door*)

1st Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm

2nd Wednesday: CanCare at Endeavour Hills**

3rd Wednesday Friendship Club lunch at Dandenong RSL

4th Friday: 11.00am Anointing Mass
First Sunday Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's

Third Sunday Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation

Youth Group after 5.30 Mass

Fourth Sunday Baptism at 10.30 Mass

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

** CanCare sponsored by St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills it is led by cancer survivors, and its members are all people who have been touched by cancer. All who have been touched by cancer are welcome. You don't have to be Catholic. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills Parish Centre. For more information call 97003781 during office hours.

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Phillip Hughes, Cleophas Curtis, Ray Watson, Bernadette Wijesundera

Anniversaries: Guilhermina Albino Ley, Giovanna and Nicola Taraborrelli, Domenic Caruso, James Lochery, Mila Pasague, Francis Xavier Paiva

Sick: Jim Lynch, Marie Cotter, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Frank Pigott, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Max Lennox, Gordon Fonceca, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia

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