



**"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



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 EXCEPTIONS!**

**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.

**Collections for last weekend...**  
Presbytery: TBA  
Thanksgiving: TBA  
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.*



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

I have a seminary classmate who will occasionally chide me when we're having a conversation—or rather, when he's talking to me. If he perceives me not really paying attention to him, he'll say, "Declan, are you in my world?" What he means is, "Are you listening to me?"

Listening is crucial. When it comes to the Word of God, listening is absolutely essential. Today's first reading and Gospel share the theme of "listening." Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet for them; God is giving them a prophet, since the people were too frightened when they heard God address them directly—the people feel that a human intermediary would be easier to listen to. But Moses warns them: They'd better listen to God's prophet in that case—not listening will have consequences!

In the Gospel Jesus performs an exorcism. In doing so, he demonstrates that even the unclean spirits listen to him. The people who witness the event are amazed at this, and Jesus' fame spreads. He is the fulfillment of that request from the people long ago. He is prophet par excellence, speaking God's Word. But even more: He is God's Word enfleshed. Hidden in the Gospel story is the unspoken question: Will we listen to him? Will we choose to be part of his world, the Kingdom of God which Jesus is bringing into our midst?

\*\*\*\*\* **Important Information for all Parishioners** \*\*\*\*\*

**As of the First weekend of Lent starting Saturday 21st February after consultation with those who attend the Saturday Vigil Mass the Mass time will change from 7 pm to 6 pm.**

**Please note Mass will be celebrated at 9 am next Monday morning to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at this Mass.**

**Time and Talent...1 week to sign up!! This year we are introducing a new sign up system.**

**It will no longer be assumed that your name is on the list from last year.**

- ◆ You are asked to re—commit if you would like to continue serving our parish one of the following ministries: Altar Society, Flowers, Cuppas, Audio Visual, Eucharistic Ministry or Reading.
- ◆ If you would like to join one of the ministries please fill out your details and you will be contacted and instruction given if necessary.

**We are short on Altar Society, Audio Visual 5.30pm, Cuppas, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers all masses Please choose only ONE Mass time.**

**These ministries are an important part of our Parish life. Your commitment is important to continuing to build our Parish Community. Thank you Father**

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** As there are no rosters during January & February would you please volunteer at the Mass you attend. Please write your name on the volunteer list. Thank you



"The St Vincent de Paul Society in Dandenong continues to assist over 450 families and individuals each year through personal support and visitations.

Come and See how you can help us to help others at an information session on Monday 23rd February 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Meeting Room."



**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...*

- ◆ **St John's Uniform shop hours**
- ◆ **The Open Door**

**The Regulars:**

**Daily Rosary** after morning Mass (except Sunday)  
**Mondays:**

**Tuesdays:**

- 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 St 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:**

**Anniversaries:** Rosa Chung Guat, Jose Lim Tian, Filomena Lisi, Rosalia Veliz Quiroga, Manuel Alegre

**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, Michael Kelly

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